

M —, Eleanor A.

Feb. 24. 1910.

Dear Mr. Spear

May I take the liberty  
of thanking you & of saying  
how much I have valued  
the privilege of hearing your  
lectures. I was in need  
of a right understanding  
& of firm ground on the  
side of Foreign Missions.

You have given both these  
and much more.

Please accept this expres-  
sion of very real and  
grateful appreciation.

I am

Sincerely Yours

Eleanor A. Martin.

77 Deane Road Place.

Mabee, Fred C.

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Mr. Speer.

Sumner Hall, 47 Feb., 1908.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York City,

Dear Mr. Speer:

Since the beginning of the college year several students have had on their minds and hearts the need for a revival of religion in Harvard University. One reason for this has been the knowledge of a similar awakening at Yale. Another contributing influence was Dr. Mearns' visit last fall when he spoke to us freely, i.e. in language <sup>free</sup> from ethical and theological controversy. Still another influence has been the prayerful interest of some alumnae who believe that the time is ripe for a fuller sway of the religion of Jesus Christ among the four thousand students of the university.

Without going into detail this is what is proposed: the continuance of the prayer-meetings, the gradual enlisting of those known to be deeply interested in such a movement, and finally a week of meetings in an <sup>evangelistic</sup> church adjacent to the Yard. <sup>meetings</sup>

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE

Christian students may testify, and where others may  
make known their decision <sup>accepting and</sup> of following Christ.

The week plan for the meetings is that  
of June 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>. The type of meetings desired  
is the positive, non-apologetic, virile - the  
kind that students respond to the word over.

It is the wish of this prayer-band that  
you speak <sup>to us</sup> in these meetings the latter part of  
the one to refer to above. We know of no  
other man - at this particular juncture in the  
extension of Christ's kingdom in the university,  
who could so well help us in extending it. One  
feature of the present situation is the presence of  
a large number of Oriental students for whom the  
Student Volunteers among us have been praying  
and working.

Trusting that you may be able to  
help us, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Her C. Maier.



Mabee, Fred C.

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Mr. Speer.

Sumner Hall,

Cambridge, Mass., 16 April, 1908.

Dear Mr. Speer:

The evangelistic movement in Harvard University has steadily widened its influence since you were here to confer with us. Prayer meetings have been held Wednesdays and Saturdays on the top floor of Brooks House which have reached fully a hundred different men. About ten graduates and near-by ministers have come, and prayed with us. Professor E.C. Moore who has charge of the chapel attended our last meeting, offered prayer, and expressed himself as heartily in favor of our purpose. At the beginning of each prayer meeting the evangelical position of the movement is stated by Mr. Booth so that all may understand the basis upon which we are trying to set forth the Christian life.

A committee of seven is at work now arranging meetings for May 4, 5, 6 & 7. More meetings will be held if it is deemed best. It is proposed to have a student preside each night (7-8 P.M.) and have one or two 10-minute addresses by

The Committee proposes using as far as they may the chapel services and Christian association meetings to make these meetings known to the fellows.

ministers who are known to be evangelical and in sympathy with the purpose of the meetings. The rest of the time is to be given over to voluntary prayer and testimony — followed by an aftermeeting at which an opportunity will be given to the not-yet Christian men to begin that life.

Charles Gilkey and Kenneth McArthur were written to, and favored the plan. They made some suggestions which have aided us.

The Committee have asked me to request you to consider coming to speak to us the last night (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> or Friday 8<sup>th</sup>) — or Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> if easier arranged for. We would gladly pay all your expenses. "Faith is the Victory" of which you spoke the last Sunday night at Northfield was suggested as a good topic — but, of course, you know best what would be suitable. We hope to have Y.M.C.A. hymnals — and a soloist to sing the gospel message. The near-by ministers (Dr. Brabury & Dr. McKenzie) pray publicly for the movement, and they two are to be asked to speak the early part of the week.

We trust that you can come for, at least, one night. Hoping and expecting great things — great evidences of Christ's power here, I remain, Faithfully yours,  
Fred. Maclean.

Mc—, Silas

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MR. SPEER.

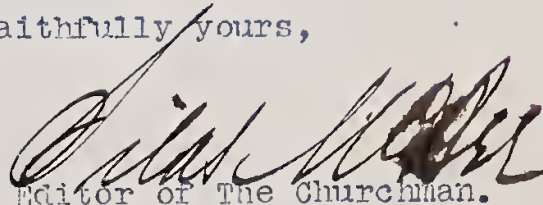
March 18, 1907.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter of March 16th with the manuscript enclosed has just come. I am so glad that it came too late for this week's issue, because I am so stirred by it that I should have printed it immediately being unwilling to wait, but as it is, I am planning if possible to get it in our great Easter Number. And it is better so. For what better message could we have for Easter? Whatever subordinate differences we may have, we are absolutely one as to the only sure method of getting rid not only of heresy but more deadly things as well.

Gratefully and faithfully yours,

  
Editor of The Churchman.

I shall order a proof sent to you for revision.  
If when in type I should have any suggestions to offer,  
I shall not hesitate to make them.



McAfee, Cleland B.

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*as both father & son*

My dear Robert:

The other day I was talking with John Stone, when this new scheme of Campbell White's came up. I had not heard of it, and I think White is not telling it generally, but I advised John to write you all about it. [I confess to the feeling that the less we divert the church now the better off we will all be. Movements that issue from the life of our present organizations, and tend only to express that life, like our China Campaign, will do us no harm. But I have lost my zest for any new devices which are figured out with paper and pencil, and do not take account of existing institutions and methods of work.] My own fear was that Mr. White would spring this plan of his on the gathering at Garden City, and that it might not get the attention which most things do get there.

Will you start an inquiry round about young Fitzgerald, of our Senior Class? He applied a good while ago. Dr. White wrote him an encouraging reply, but he has not received his appointment as the other man have. It would be well for Dr. Rodgers, or somebody, to write him a note here during the holidays. I have liked what I have seen of him very much. Dr. Toutell's appointment is most satisfactory to me. I have not yet talked with Mr. Sutcliffe, but will try to do so before long.

I hope you will have the happiest sort of a Christmas, and a good New Year, which will be one of the years of His right hand.

Heartily yours,

*Cleland B. McAfee*

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McCandless, William K.  
April 4, 1907.

MR. SPEER

Dear Mr. Speer,

Wm K

There are not words sufficiently impressive to convey the proper degree of my thankfulness to you for your kindness to me in supplying the financial difference between spending my summer in working on the farm, and spending my vacation camping. I am sure that my parents will be with me, equally thankful for the smoothing of my summer's existence for me, as it were.

I am now a Junior Preparatory student, and am enjoying my

studies. My text-books for this Term are; "The Life of Christ," Burton and Matthews.

"New Higher Algebra", Wells.

"Selections from Ovid", Kelsey.

"Glück Auf", Müller and Venckebach.

After enjoying a pleasant (from the weather Bureau's standpoint) spring vacation, the students of the University of Wooster, began their Spring Term yesterday.

With a prayer that God may abundantly help you in your share of the carrying out of His plan of Universal salvation, and with many thanks for your kindness, I remain  
Sincerely yours  
William. Herr. M<sup>c</sup>Condliss.

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McCaulliss, William K.

Sept. 18, 1907.

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Worster, Ohio.

My dear Mr. ~~McCaulliss~~ <sup>Speer</sup>;

Our family has had a very happy reunion, and we are getting along very well together.

I am greatly indebted to you for the pleasant recreation, and rest I enjoyed this summer. And am quite ready to begin school-work again.

I had great success in studying birds; as the trees are numerous, and afford a large selection of places, where the birds can build their nests.

I had the good fortune to find seventeen nests this summer.



(I should have said the nests of seventeen kinds of birds; because I found twenty-seven nests.)

- 1.) Least Flycatcher.
- 2.) Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.
- 3.) Red-eyed Vireo.
- 4.) Wood Pewee.
- 5.) Scarlet Tanager.
- 6.) Cedar Waxwing.
- 7.) Ruby-throated Hummingbird.
- 8.) Swamp Sparrow.
- 9.) White-eyed Vireo.
- 10.) Song Sparrow.
- 11.) Chipping Sparrow.
- 12.) Kingbird.
- 13.) Tree Swallow.
- 14.) Bank Swallow.
- 15.) Robin.
- 16.) Veery.
- 17.) American Goldfinch.

On Sept. 8" as our family was walking through some woods about a mile away, I found a Black-billed Cuckoo's nest with young in it. That is the latest in the season I have ever found a bird's nest.

School commences today. The two girls' dormitories are almost full, and it seems as though Wooster will have a larger enrollment this year than it had last year.

Living here with my parents is a vast improvement in many ways upon living in the Livingstone Home. On the Hom. whenever one sits down to play the piano, it disturbs from ten to twenty boys.

whereas up here they say they  
enjoy hearing me practice.

At the Home one studies  
in the midst of an almost  
incessant din: whereas ~~up~~<sup>up</sup>  
here I have a little study,  
in the back of the house, fixed  
up to suit my fancy.

Our family sends its regards,  
and best wishes.

I remain

Your grateful friend

William. R. McCandless.



Leonard. Twinem, myself, and  
the  $12\frac{1}{2}$  pounder we caught.

Twinem stands on the right  
side of the picture.

Length of fish 39 inches.

McCandliss, William K.



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MR. SPEER

My dear Mr. Speer;

We are in the latter half of the third week we are spending at Otsego Lake now. We have all enjoyed ourselves immensely, and have lived a very free and happy life since our arrival here.

The tents have been furnished almost entirely through the medium of our own ingenuities. We have a dining-booth, a bakery-tent, and four sleeping-tents.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of June I was lucky enough to have a twelve and a half pound fish catch onto the line I was trolling, and although I had some difficulty in landing him, I got him safe in the boat. He weighed eight and one-half pounds after he was dressed, and we had him stuffed and baked for dinner on the next day.





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About a week ago, the whole party except the professor and his wife, took a drive out to the Manastee River (a small creek in most parts; but called a river here because rivers, and streams of any kind are rare in sandy soil)

We took our lunch along and spent the day out there. There are the remains of a large lumber-camp there that must have employed over seventy-five men according to our calculation. The great white pines have been cut down by these same men, those great trees that a year or two ago shot straight up from the earth for a great height. Now where three years ago there stood a virgin forest, the hand of man has stripped it of its stateliest, and noblest trees.

We found cedar, hemlock, larch, pine, basswood, maple, tamarack, and spruce trees



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OTSEGO LAKE, Mich.,

July 7. 1907.

there.

One day last week, some of us were out fishing in the evening, we saw a deer swimming in the Lake, and gave chase not knowing that it was against the law to meddle with deer when they are in the water. We had no intention of harming it, and set after it merely to watch its actions. When it was fresh it swam so fast that it would have been difficult to overtake it if one were a good swimmer and had a good boat, the animal became tired pretty soon and we got him between our boats and let him go again, and watched him swim off.

We all enjoyed a jolly Fourth.

Sincerely yours

William. H. McCandless.



McClung, J. S.

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820 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Wichita Kans. Oct. 29 '09

Rev. A. W. Halsey D. D.

Dear Brother

I feel constrained to write to you in regard to a matter of the utmost importance. I suppose you have read the article of Mr. H. R. Chamberlain in McClure's Magazine for Oct.; in which he makes the statement, that the Emperor of Germany has about-completed his arrangements for making his attack on France and England. And the despatches of yesterday say he has bought the mines in Morocco about which Spain and Morocco are now contending; and that he did this for the very purpose of provoking a war with France and England.

Looking at this dastardly deed from a foreign Miss. standpoint; it can but prove to be a dreadful blow to the spread of the gospel. The dreadful excitement; nearly all Europe drenched in blood; the awful suffering, &c. all these could but be a great hindrance to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. But beyond this, the Emperor's chief design is to cripple England and rob her of her treasures. Of course England, under those circumstances, would not be in shape to do anything like what she has ever

doing in the foreign work. Besides, as soon as he can dominate Europe, he will discriminate against our commerce so that we will be financially crippled and our relations abroad seriously disturbed. So that we would not be in condition to do what we have been for the world's evangelization.

And it appears that the only way ~~to~~ in which this deed of national-highway-s robbery ~~to~~ can be presented is for the Almighty to do it: "Our only hope is in God". So I write to you suggesting, that if something of this nature has not been done, that you lay the matter not only before our Board for special prayer; but that you also present it to the Boards of the other churches, in perhaps a confidential way, and thus unitedly lay the case before God. It would seem so dreadful, when the foreign work is moving on so prosperously; to have so great a hindrance brought to bear against it. This will require no answer from you, it is a mere suggestion.

In the work yours

J. S. McClung

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McCormick, Nettie  
135 Rush St  
Chicago June 8.

JUN 11 1907

Dear Mr. SPEED

I see you are expected  
at the Lake Geneva Conference.

I wish you would stop  
with us for the night  
on your way up.

If you go on directly north  
after arriving in Chicago  
will you not let me meet  
you, & bring you home for a meal?

I have often longed to tell you  
how my heart aches for you  
since the dear child was  
called home, who was  
dearer than life to you.

Sometimes, after we have suffered  
thus, this world seems like  
"a moor and fen". Then again  
we get courage to work.

It is wonderful how you are  
sustained <sup>and borne</sup> up by thousands of  
prayers for your welfare & happiness.  
Very sincerely  
Nettie McPernick



August 17  
McCork, —?

Mr Spur

I cannot be

to tell you or that  
pursue your letter to my  
mother, saying that I  
must come to Leamington  
on Sunday August 28,  
from her. She has been  
ill all summer, and  
although she is improving  
she is still feeble. She

has been  
ill all  
day the 27<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday  
August 28<sup>th</sup>

has lately had a severe  
attack of shingles, but -  
this is nearly over and  
I am hoping that by  
the time you come, she  
may be able to go to church.  
She sends you and Mrs.  
Spicer a great deal of love,  
and wishes me to tell you  
how delighted she is that  
with all the many im-  
portant things you have  
to do, you should still

"love me" enough to come  
to the little chapel. We  
are all looking forward  
to seeing you, and I hope  
I shall be able to - Mrs. Spicer  
would see her way to  
coming too. Susan and  
Caroline will both be here  
and much to love to see  
you before they go away.  
Please give me my love &  
this invitation. In case she  
did not feel that she could  
be away from the children  
two nights I could take

you took to Red Bank in  
the Motor Sunday afternoon  
and you could get home  
early Sunday morning. I am  
sorry to hear that the children  
had measles in Scotland, but  
I hope that they were not  
very ill and that Mrs. Spurr  
had a rest afterwards.  
My summer has been brighten-  
ed by Susan's & Caroline's visit.  
But Mamma's constant weak-  
ness and suffering have given  
me great anxiety. I believe the  
babies are well and have had  
a good summer in spite of the  
great heat. I am hoping to have  
a visit from little James be-  
fore long. With much love to all



Macdonald, J. A.

J. A. MACDONALD.  
Managing Editor.

# The Globe.

*Toronto.*  
*Canada.*

November 23, 1906.

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**MR. SPEER,**

Rebt. E. Speer, Esq.,  
Foreign Mission Offices,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Speer,

Your too kind words about my "Hallowe'en" speech touch me. I am sending three copies to you under separate cover.

I got back from Indianapolis on Monday night. The Detroit delegation would not be put off, and so I stayed off there and spoke to a mass meeting of men in Fort Street Church. There was only one woman down-stairs. Every seat was taken by a man who had a look of earnestness about him. I spoke for an hour and five minutes. I do not think that I ever "cut loose" quite so absolutely, and the eager response of the men was great.

Yours very sincerely,

*James Macdonald*

McDowell, William Fraser

WILLIAM FRASER McDOWELL  
57 WASHINGTON STREET  
CHICAGO

10 April 1908

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Mr. Speer.

Dear Bro. Speer:

I am asking  
(John L. Speer)  
the publishers to send you  
Henry Newboets little volume  
"Admirals All", which  
contains the poem which  
you refer. You have put so  
much good poetry into my  
life that I am happy to  
send back this small return.

With best regards to Mrs. Speer  
and yourself. Dear,

W. F. McDowell  
William F. McDowell

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McGraw, Lalla Rookh

275 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

March 6, 1908.

Mr. Speer.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Please accept the thanks of our school as well as my own for the books you so kindly gave us. I certainly am delighted with them, and it will be a great pleasure to recommend them to the young men of our school, and I believe they are books that are left to gather dust on the shelves.

I also appreciate greatly your kind offer of further service, and to prove that my appreciation, as well as my belief in your offer, is that both are real and not merely polite fictions, will ask your advice as to the selection of late books on Missions, especially those for children. We are trying to secure all the best books on this subject, and have both the Campaign Libraries. Any suggestion will be gratefully received.

Neither the books you mention have found a place in this library, nor are there any of the model Sunday School stories of lame Willies or blind Ellens that were so popular in the days of my childhood. I have great faith in the library as a means of unlimited good if the books are of the right kind and are put in the hands of the right readers.

I have little to tell of the past years, my life has been a very quiet one, and of no importance outside of the limits of our family. I have had many pleasures, and a few sorrows, the greatest sorrow being the death of my father. But even that sorrow was made less by the memories of his beautiful life and the knowing that all his sufferings are over. He was sick many months, and for a year it was my blessed privilege to be his constant companion and nurse.

Another grief was the fact that I was never able to enter college. Just when I felt that a college course was a possibility, I suffered an attack of fever which left me an invalid for almost five years. During this time we left the farm and made a home in Pittsburg. Here I had the care of the best physicians and became stronger than ever before, so that I have been able to in part repay the loving care the family gave me when I was sick.

After father's death more than a year ago, we came South, hoping the climate here would benefit my oldest brother, whose health has given us some worry and concern. Early this winter he was ill for several months with fever, and since then he has been growing stronger daily and is so well and strong that we feel repaid for making the change.

We have a very pleasant home on one of Atlanta's few pretty streets, which we share with one sister, really a sister-in-law, but we do not call her that, and an adopted brother, who came from Pittsburg with us.

We found that Atlanta meant Opportunity as far as church work goes, and both sister and I have all we can do. We find that being busy is the sole preventative for the disease "Homesickness", and so we are busy, and therefore happy, in our home in Dixie.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

*Lella Rookh McGraw.*



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Machin, Lucy T.

2/15/08

My dear Mr. Speer:

Mr. Speer.

I do not want to give you any trouble, but your kindly face, looking down at me, from my chimney-wall, seems to say that I may ask this favor. Will you kindly tell me where I may find the poem from which you quote in the sketch of Thomas Pitkin, - "And as he told that man to God," etc.

The lines you quote are so de-  
scription of my nephew, Martin  
Brodway, that I have had his  
only little nephew learn them.  
Then the beautiful little poem  
beginning "So he died for his faith,"  
Will you please tell me who  
wrote it? And, lastly the  
lines you quote in "The Lean  
Christ Jesus" about "indian  
amplest recompense"  
for life's ungarlanded expense," etc.  
I want very much to know

where they came from.  
Dear Mr. Spurr, I wish I could  
tell you how much your books  
have done for me. Won't it be  
good when we get to hearing  
to be able to just say our very  
hearts out without seeming  
faisome or gushing?  
I am so much of an invalid  
that I cannot get to church in  
winter at all, and I do not  
know what I should do were it  
not for you and Dr. Fawcett



and a few others. I have not  
many books, but they speak as  
living friends to me. Your little  
"Studies in the Man Christ Jesus"  
brought me a very special blessing.

Thank you for all the help and  
cheer. May you be more and  
more filled with Christ and  
used in His service.

Sincerely your friend  
Lucy T. Machin.

Prader, Tenn.  
Feb. 15, 1908.

Mackay, John R.

First Presbyterian Church,

REV. JOHN R. MACKAY, MINISTER.

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The Manse,

GLENS FALLS, N. Y.

W. Robert E. Spurr.

My dear Sir:

The enclosed appeared as  
part of sermon preached yesterday by the  
Methodist minister of Glens Falls. You may  
not usually take notice of such sayings, but  
you would do me a great favor if you would  
tell me in a word if there is any truth in  
the quotation.

Very cordially, Yours

John R. Mackay.

Nov. - 3 - 1892

MacKenzie, Colin J.S.



Student Volunteer Missionary Union.

\* EDINBURGH BRANCH \*

56 George Square

June 14<sup>th</sup>. 1910.

Sir,

On behalf of the Student Volunteers at present resident in Edinburgh University we beg to offer you our heartiest congratulations at receiving the degree of Doctor of Divinity from our University. There can be hardly anything more gratifying to us than that the Senatus Academicus should grant this well-deserved distinction on you who have done so much for the cause of Christ. Your unwearied efforts in promoting His Kingdom, your deep researches into the realms of non-Christian religions by which you have stirred men up to do their duty towards the Evangelisation of the World in this generation have already caused your name to be graven on many hearts. And now that your name is placed on the roll of honour of this University and you are a 'Civis' of our Alma Mater we feel that the tie that binds you to us is stronger than ever. We pray that God may bless you and keep you, that He may strengthen you in your work at all times and ever let the light of His countenance be upon you.

Colin J.S. MacKenzie, President.

A. B. Jones. Hon. Secy.

McKim, Elizabeth Nelson

11/17/11

COPY.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

The name at the end of this note is unfamiliar to you but ever since that Sunday at Silver Bay, "Dr. Speer" has been a name constantly in my thoughts.

That day to me, Dr. Speer, was like the beginning of a new chapter in my life and since then I have been trying to keep it a good one, but it has been very, very hard and more so these last two weeks. Oh, Doctor Speer, everything has been slipping away from me so and I can't seem to hold on to Christ as I ought to.

When I heard that you were coming to Montreal, I thought that if I could only hear another of your addresses the help and inspiration needed would follow. Since that has been denied, may I presume to ask you, dear Dr. Speer, if in your prayers you will remember one of the Silver Bay girls who never needed the personal fellowship of Christ and His divine help as now? Will you ask Him to help and guide one who is all at sea and losing the power to live up to the ideals formed in June?

Please forgive me for troubling you in this way, but since that evening talk of yours, I have always felt that you are one of the greatest friends I can have when you could give me the impetus to start again in a life for Christ.

Yours very sincerely,  
Elizabeth Nelson McKim.

648 Roslyn Ave.,  
Westmount. 17/11/11.



# World Missionary Conference, 1910

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100 Princes Street, EDINBURGH

15th November, 1909.

Robert E. Speer Esq.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK,  
U.S.A.

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Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr Speer,

I received your very kind letter from Brazil sometime ago.

I have refrained from troubling you with any letters about the arrangements we are making for Public Meetings in connection with your visit to Scotland. Probably Dr Robson has kept you informed of what I have arranged with him. Our plans are now fairly complete and it may be well to let you have some details.

You may remember that we had in view, originally, that you might give us some help in connection with the work of the Laymen's Movement. But the various Committees of that Movement are this winter putting all their energy into the plans for promoting interest in the forthcoming Conference, with a view to transmitting its impulse to all the Churches here, and a decision has been come to, which will doubtless have your approval, that we should not ask you to address any meetings specifically on behalf of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, but rather that all the help you are able to give should be utilised in connection with the work of preparation for the World Conference.

A Public Meetings (Scotland) Committee was appointed sometime ago to take charge of the matter. This Committee and the various Local Committees connected with it, consist largely of the men interested in the Laymen's Movement, so that one advantage of the work of that Movement is, that we have at hand groups of men up and down the country willing to do what they can to extend the influence of the Conference. The Public Meetings Committee have divided the country into ten districts, each/



each district being grouped around some large centre in which a Committee has been formed to take responsibility for organising the work within the district. We are making arrangements for holding about 50 Meetings early next year, in the more important towns throughout Scotland. A special effort will be made to gather into these meetings the ministers and officebearers, and missionary workers, in each district, the object being to interest more particularly those who are the real leaders in the life of the Church. At the same time the general public will be invited to all the Meetings, and I am glad to say that already there is considerable expectation with regard to these gatherings. It has in itself been a great thing to get groups of men all over the country to interest themselves thoroughly in the work of the Conference; it has led to the formation of many prayer groups, and has been of much service in increasing the circulation of the News Sheet.

Dr Robson has kindly agreed, on your behalf, that you should address ~~seven~~ meetings on the following dates, -

Jan. 17. Perth.	Feb. 11. Paisley.
" 24. Stirling.	" 15. Greenock.
" 31. Galashiels.	" 18. Kirkcaldy.
Feb. 7. Glasgow.	" 21. Edinburgh.
" 8. Hamilton.	" 23. Aberdeen.
" 10. Dundee.	

The largest hall in each place has been taken for the meeting, and in one or two of the more important towns you will have an opportunity of meeting a number of business men preliminary to the evening Meeting. With regard to 10th February (one of your Lecture days in Aberdeen) I should say that you can get to Dundee after your afternoon lecture, in good time for the Meeting there.

The Public Meetings Committee are exceedingly grateful to you for the magnificent help you are giving to us in creating interest in the Conference, and they are doing everything in their power to ensure that you will have good audiences in each place.

You will be interested to know that we are also to be helped by Sir Andrew Fraser and other eminent men on this side.

[We have observed the enclosed paragraph in the Glasgow Herald Newspaper of the 12th inst., and I understand it has appeared in a number of British Newspapers. It is quite possible that your attitude may be misunderstood in some quarters here, and we should like to know the exact facts. I have already had an enquiry on the subject from our Glasgow Secretary. I do not see how any Englishman could take exception to what after all is/

is a well known matter of fact, and I do not think the incident referred to can be at all correctly reported. I am entirely unable to conceive that such a man as Mr Bryce could take offence at any statement that you could possibly make.

I am very sorry to trouble you about such a small matter, but it is well to be prepared with an authoritative statement of fact in case the matter comes up at any of our Committee Meetings]

With warmest regards to Mrs Speer, the children and yourself,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth Maclean

Dear Sir,

I must ask your pardon for writing about what  
you are regard as a very kind matter but the solicitude of  
our friends of foreign mission work in Scotland make us  
hast to do so. I am to deliver some <sup>address</sup> ~~lectures~~ in  
Scotland this winter in connection with the preparation for  
the Great Bazaar - in Edin. & June and the day of the Eve.  
in the City and on the following <sup>perhaps</sup> ~~days~~ from the  
Thurs. 12. 04

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Mr. Wetherman the Sec. writes this a particulars

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As far as I can remember the agreement made to  
India was in granting the name of Dr. Wedder, the Bishop of  
Calcutta on his return from <sup>India</sup> ~~Calcutta~~, with regard to the death  
of the various families which he had met and his mission  
but the purpose of visit of that was in the hands of  
Calcutta.

# World Missionary Conference, 1910

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15th December 1909.

Robert E. Speer Esq.,  
156, Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK.

My dear Mr. Speer,

I have your very kind letter of 1st December, and am glad that you quite approve of the engagements we have made for you. We expect to be able to arrange for a big meeting in Newcastle, but I shall write you further in time to reach you before you leave for this country.

We leave it entirely to you to take such lines as you please in your addresses, provided always that the thought works up to the World Missionary Conference, and that the opportunity and responsibility it may bring to the Church is fully emphasised.

It is very good of you to have taken such trouble in connection with the silly fabrication which appeared in the "Glasgow Herald". The matter received considerable prominence in the Press here, and we have had several enquiries on the subject. We have, therefore, decided to take advantage/



Robert E. Speer Esq.,

15th Decr. 1909.

advantage of Mr. Bryce's permission to contradict the story publicly, and are communicating his letter to the Press Agency. Of course, you will quite understand that so far as we were concerned personally, we did not attach the slightest importance to the report.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to meeting you again.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Kimeth MacLennan



McPherson, B. J.

*WJ*

Lawrenceville School  
Lawrenceville, New Jersey  
Head Master's Study

April 24, 1908

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APR 25 1908

**Mr. Speer.**

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I enclose the honorarium for your good work last Sunday. I enjoyed peculiarly the sermon of the morning.

I feel almost virtuous when I think of what your visit to Mr. George made him feel, because we misused you here.

Your passing remark about the letter of Walker, late of the Boston Tech, made a very deep impression upon me, but hardly the impression, I think, that you would have expected, because as I was listening I was looking at your tired eyes. I cannot quite agree with you that the man himself is solely responsible when the public makes heavy demands upon his time and strength. I think that at least his friends ought to co-operate with him in conserving his energies instead of wasting them. With that conviction, therefore, I want to say to you that I shall leave your coming to us next year to your own judgment of whether or not it will be a tax. We should be very glad to have you come once in each of the three terms, or at least twice during the year, but I do not want you to come if it is going to contribute toward the shortening of your period of service in this world. I must leave you to judge whether that feeling on my part be Christian,

or natural or selfish, but it is a feeling that seems to be instinctive.  
Now I am sure that you will understand me. You give us always an uplift.  
Many of the boys are deeply stirred by your sermons and addresses. But  
I shall rather request you to ask Mrs. Speer whether your theories or mine  
are right.

With thanks for what you have done for us, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

*A. J. Matheson.*

McPherson, B. J.

Lawrenceville School  
Lawrenceville, New Jersey  
Head Master's Study

June 2nd, 1908.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Speer:-

I have your letter of May 14th and beg leave to say that while you may not, yourself, be entitled to any sympathy, as I think you are not entitled to it on the ground of frailty, I warn you that a man can go on towards middle life and be <sup>brought</sup> ~~built~~ up pretty suddenly and unexpectedly. It is my high regard for you, shared by thousands of people, that leads me to speak as I do and as I have done before.

Now to avoid the bugbear of consistency, I wish to thank you for letting us put you down for Sunday, November 22nd, 1908, and Sunday, April 25th, 1909. I should be glad if you could add a third Sunday, but my conscience will not allow me to do so.

Yours very truly,

B. J. McPherson.

Magee, John G. 1000 No. Highland Ave,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

July 30, 1906.

Dear Mr. Speer:

This summer I am preparing a course on the Social Teachings of Jesus, which I am to teach at Yale next fall. Just now I am on the question of this teaching regarding marriage, and one of the books I referred to was your "Principles of Jesus". I like the idea of the complete spiritual union in this life, which is so finely put in Mr. Trembly's book on friend-

Ship, and should think, as you  
do, that such a union would  
be eternal, but what about the  
man who marries twice.

You may smile at my interest  
in such a matter, but I  
assure you it is not  
of direct importance to me.  
It appears to me that if  
a man ever should have  
a union of such a deep  
nature, he would never  
marry again, after the death  
of his wife.

With kindest regards

Wm. Speer, faithfully yours,  
John L. Magee.



Magee, John, 2000's No Highland Ave.,  
Pittsburg, Pa.  
Aug. 23, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I was very sorry indeed to learn from Henry Wright of the death of your daughter, and I wanted send my sympathy to you and Mrs. Speer. Though such a sorrow coming in one's own family must be very great, yet I feel sure that you will not be so cast down as most families would be, for the spirit of Christ seems to be so real and strong in your household.

As to the matter regarding  
which you write, your opinion  
would seem to be to fulfil  
the spiritual significance of  
marriage, but yet if Paul  
was speaking in the spirit  
of Christ when he said  
"I desire that the younger widows  
may, bear children, rule  
the household, give no occasion  
to the adversary ~~for the adversary~~  
etc" in I Tim. 5: 14, and  
again in I Cor. 7: "But  
if they have not contentment,  
let them marry: for it is better  
for them to marry than to be;  
for them to marry than to be,"

him & could we make any  
absolute teaching in that respect.  
From among the people I  
know I could only pick  
a small majority, whose  
love was so deep, that they  
would appreciate your  
view. It seems to me that  
Paul taught in both these  
passages that it was better  
to remain true to their first  
pledge" (I Tim. 5: 12), but that  
if they were not deep enough  
in character to remain  
true to the first pledge, it was

not committing a sin to marry  
again. In so many marriages  
there never is a spiritual union.

Take for instance the case  
of a poor woman of the working  
class, who is abused and  
imposed on by a drunken  
husband. In case her husband  
should die, and she should  
meet a good Christian man  
who would really love her, and  
whom she would love, should  
we teach her that it is  
better for her to remain true  
when first Kedge and he

denied the kind of spiritual  
union of which you speak?

This is an extreme case  
perhaps, but a not at all  
unlikely one.

This whole question is  
bound to be thrashed out in  
my class next year, and  
I want to get my own  
view established beforehand.  
What I have stated here is  
my present view, and if  
it is a wrong one, I should  
be very glad to have it  
corrected. ever yours,  
John H. Nagel.



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May 24, 1918.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I am sorry you cannot be with us on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I shall see some members of next year's committee with regard to their using you at the time of your visit to Wellesley.

I did receive the report and am mortified to think that I did not acknowledge it. I remember after this that I was going to drop you a note of thanks and then thought that perhaps the Board was just sending them out to those who had given something to the work of the Presbyterian Board. I had once given a little note to the Board for the famine in China.

I am mighty glad to have the report, especially since I had looked into missionary work in South America myself. I was particularly interested in whatever said about the Morris' schools, and the debate over the appropriation. I had seen the schools and had met



Mr. Morris personally; I had also heard of the  
debate.

Mr. Spurr I feel so deeply grateful to you  
for what you have done for me. You have  
helped me more than any other human  
being, and I mention it because I know  
it does help to know that you have  
helped some one. I remember things

you said to me years ago at Hatchers  
that I was not quite sure were true then,  
but I now know they were true by my own  
experience. If ever God should put me

in a position where of some help to you  
in any way you may count on me.  
I would feel grateful to him for the  
opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Julius Magee.

Mahan, A. T. ?

Sept. 2. 1910

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QUOGUE

LONG ISLAND

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SEP 8 1910

Mr. Speer.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I want to thank you very cordially for your letter of August 31, and for the book, which has been received today. I shall look forward to receiving from it the interest and suggestion for which I have already been indebted to your other writings.

With much respect, believe me

Faithfully Yours

A. T. Meahan

Robert E. Spurr Esq

Maine, Mary T.

Brantwood Hall.

Feb. 24, 1908.

My dear Mr. ~~Speer~~

I always fear that  
you will have for-  
gotten all about who  
I am. So may I tell  
you, that it was my  
pleasure to meet you  
and Mrs. Speer at  
Little Diamond Pond,  
after hearing you speak  
upon the spiritual

lessons taught in nature,  
I ventured to ask if  
you would repeat the  
thoughts I had heard  
you express some  
time to the Brautwood  
Hall School then in  
South Orange. We had  
been using some of  
your books as text  
books for bible study.  
Your reply gave me  
courage to write at  
this time.

Brautwood Hall School  
has been growing dur-  
ing the last two years,  
and has required a  
large building so  
that now we are in  
Lawrence Park, Bronxville.

For several days I  
have been trying to  
think of some one who  
could speak to our  
girls in a simple, direct  
way and help them  
overcome doubts and  
fears which are per-



plexing and causing  
real conflicts of soul.  
Yesterday I thought of you.  
Any hour, any day that  
you could come to  
Bronxville we should  
appreciate more than we  
can express. It requires  
only thirty minutes to  
reach us from the Grand  
Central Station.

Hoping to learn that  
it is possible for you to  
come. Sincerely,  
Mary V. Maine  
S. C. V. Sec.

Malleck, L.S.

Denver color.

Feb. 17. 1911

Rev. Robert Speer,

New York,

156 Fifth ave.

Gentleman,

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Mr. Speer.

The Gospel you are preaching in Persia about a Jesus you are calling him Christ or Emmanuel is not Gospel from God, here with I will prove to you that you misunderstand the Bible for past twenty centuries -

You claim Jesus was son of David, but whose son is the David? is not a Calebite from Ephraim, if is a Calebite he must not be a Jew but a Edomite, since Caleb is a Edomite from Kenaz son of

adam with 2 sure name Cain -

Edumites, as the canizite inhabitants  
of Land of Canaan before the Jew  
ever came to inhabit the Land, you  
may examine the following texts  
you will see that you have to  
go back to Jewish or slave  
who ~~kept~~ <sup>kept</sup> the truth until now,  
I. chas. 1:18-21. jash. 14:14. judg. 1:10  
Gen. 15:19. 36:42. and the word  
caleb it means calba, a dog,  
the calabites it means the  
dogs, David himself he called  
himself a dog while pursued  
by Saul, so Jesus it can not  
come from Edumites calabites  
or dogs, you are mistaken -  
you may consider what I will  
tell you now. The Emmanuel  
you are preaching for Jesus  
is the amon son of menasseh -

the egyptians idol namely  
 amon no el see jer. 46: 25 -  
 and he was worshiped by all  
 before christian era, after new  
 testament came in Light then he  
 was called mammon, a nice  
 versa spelling of amon, Lk. 16: 9,  
 which is called money in Lk. 16: 14  
 while in aramic is called zeus  
 it means idol, and apostle  
 Paul in his writing to the macedonians  
 1 Thm. 5: 2 says that in last days  
 people will love the money zeus  
 or mammon amon especial in  
 samaria namely united state  
 acts. 8: 18-22 where people are  
 trying to get holy spirit by  
 means of their money zeus  
 idol, whose apostle directly  
 consigned to be perished etc.

the new testament and the old testament hand in hand with the koran are a history of amon no el, and of jesus, but the emmanuel it did appear in the time you are preaching, while jesus it shall appear in near future, as the last days, now in past 20 centuries you have been worshipping the emmanuel egyptians idol as did worship it your fathers before that time, so time is at hand to day for you to be good and return from your idols to God a living god. namely jehowa if not you will perish with your zeus idol emmanuel

I advise you to take your false prophets you sent to



Persin back, it is enough to endure their mistakes and the false teaching they are preaching our people, I will go back soon and open the eyes of our poor ignorant people you got in your iron hand,

I will tell you one thing more, what do you think of Cain murderer of his bro. Abel? and what do you think of Calvin murderer of the Servetus? if you can prove any difference between those two men I will be convinced that you are in right - and what do you think of your Gospel preachers you send to Armenia they <sup>hire</sup> ~~best~~ my father to preach for them the above

kind Gospel you send over there, and after all they keep 7 months of his salaries unpaid until now, did you think you can get justified by doing so,<sup>1</sup> or because you americans have big Buns so you may do any thing at all,<sup>2</sup> I did ask you to pay me that money you tryed to fool me, now you will try to pay me but it is to late, and it will be to late,

I know you personally and I know what for you are in that office, if you want to know more about it, I can refer you to ~~see~~ Dr. R. M. Long 2<sup>nd</sup> Presby. church Lincoln, neb. I told him all about it.

L. S. Malleck,

P.S.

you Personally have been acting as an accuser of our boys in this country <sup>try</sup> for past fifteen years but you never did to restore any of them to his natural stage, and by your accusation you got them to lie but if your missionaries come from Persia and go round in church and they can lie without any interferences on your part, I got Dr Jordan in Lincoln doing the same thing and I put him out of business Dr R. M. Long knows well, this is mean reason why you are trying to keep our people out of Pres. churches here because you want to do all for your self and by yourself and to keep us ignorant of what is going on and etc,

DR. MATTHEW D. MANN  
OFFICE HOURS:  
1 TO 3 P. M.

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8:30 TO 9:30 A. M. 1 TO 3 P. M.

*Ans*  
37 ALLEN STREET,  
BUFFALO

June 4, 1910.

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JUN 6 1910

Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer: -

There has been no regular memorial of my Son published. I have a number of things, however, which I send you. Will you kindly return the sketch by Dr. Pott which I have marked "to be returned," as it is the only copy I have. The others you can throw away when you get through with them. I think you will probably find enough material to enable you to write what is necessary.

I was very sorry indeed that I did not meet you in Chicago. I heard your stirring addresses, which interested me greatly, but I did not have the opportunity of speaking to you. I fear we shall not see you at Clifton Springs in July, as I suppose you are going to Edinboro. I do not believe the meeting in Edinboro will be as fine as the one in Chicago. I hardly think it can.

I have not had a chance to compare trout stories with you yet. Perhaps you remember the last time we met we were each going on a fishing trip. I am going in a couple of weeks up upon the northern shore of Lake Superior, where they say they catch trout over six pounds in weight, - real speckled trout.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*M. D. Mann*

Markarian, Verkinia  
Weston Hall,

East Northfield, Mass.,

January 18, 1909.

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JAN 19 1909

Mr. Speer.

Mr. Robert Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Dear Sir;

Upon the receipt by me  
of "The Character of Jesus", "Can I believe  
in God The Father" and "The Man  
Christ Jesus" I wrote you a note  
saying how much I appreciated  
your generous gift. Since then I  
have read and reread these  
wonderfully helpful books, and I  
can not refrain from again writing



you and telling you what they have meant to me. Again and again I find new help and inspiration from them, specially from "The Man Christ Jesus". They have strengthened my love for Jesus Christ, and they have made me more and more anxious to lead a consecrated life. Through the influence of these books my last year in Northfield Seminary will be the happiest year I have spent here.

Thanking you most sincerely for the help you have been to me.

Very gratefully yours,  
Virginia Markarian.

Marling, Alfred E.

ALFRED E. MARLING,  
21 LIBERTY STREET,  
NEW YORK.

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APR 28 1909

Mr. Speer.

April 27, 1909.

Dear Robert E.:

You know that you  
are to reserve Friday evening  
April 30<sup>th</sup> - for a few friends  
of yours - who desire to meet  
you at the Metropolitan  
Club (5 Ave & 60) at 6<sup>45</sup> pm.

He will let you down  
easy -

I am ever  
Yours,  
Alfred E. Marling.

ALFRED E. MARLING.  
21 LIBERTY STREET,  
NEW YORK.

RECEIVED *Marling, Alfred E.*

APR 23 1909

Mr. Speer.

April 22nd, 1909.

Dear Robert E:-

I have your kind note of the 20th.  
We will be as easy with you as we can on the  
night of the 30th, but you must give us  
liberty to say a few straight things con-  
cerning you.

Sincerely yours,

*Alfred E. Marling*  
*W. H.*

H.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.,  
# 156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Mr. Marling was obliged to leave the  
office before this letter, dictated by him,  
was ready for his signature.

Marsh, Clifford W.

57 Wendell St.

Cambridge Mass.

Mr Robert C. Spurr.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York City.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1902.

MAR 18 1902

My dear Mr Spurr:-

It is indeed high time for me to answer your letter of January the twenty fourth. The delay was not caused by indifference but by a feeling of inability to express myself on Mr Simpson's book - "The Fact of Christ." Yesterday I finished reading it for the third time. My last endeavor to really appreciate the book was by far more successful. "The Problem of Forgiveness" and "The Principles of the Atonement" opened a new line of thought for me; as I have read but little, if any, along these lines. His treatment of the subject, however, seems logical, and I am inclined to accept it; at least until I know something better.

The Author's style is not attractive to me; still I am in harmony with most of his thoughts. One truth I have always maintained, is that expressed under "The Data of Christianity," namely: - "He came not to leave men with the question, 'What think ye of this doctrine, or that principle?' but, 'What think ye of Christ?' The sixth division - "What is a Christian?" - also appealed to me. As a whole the book had an uplifting effect upon my thought of Christ. Turning now to "The Character of Christ"



by Bushnell: — This book, with its many beautiful thoughts, made my opinion of Christ richer, and firmer; but by no means does it put forth my entire view of the character of Christ. My sentiments are those expressed by Tennyson, when he says, in reference to our Savior, — "Thou seemest human and divine, the truest, holiest manhood, thou;..." and also by Edersheim - Vol I Pg 198 - "It has been observed that by the side of every humiliation connected with the Humanity of the Messiah, the glory of His Divinity was also made to shine forth."

As far as I have gone in the study of "The Life of Christ" I have found the above to be true. So, in my opinion, Mr. Bushnell omits a very important and inspiring side of Christ's Character.

I thank you for suggesting these books.

They have helped to meliorate my life; thus bringing it closer to my Savior; like whom, and for whom it is my determined purpose to live.

Any further suggestions, as to my reading or along any other line, will be gladly received. May the dear Lord give you deeper and more vivid inspirations day by day, that you may open the hardened hearts of those who are — "out on the mountain wild and bare away from the tender Shepherd's care".

Very sincerely yours,  
Clifford W. Marsh.



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MR. SPEER.

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*Mateer, Jean*  
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Hanford, King Co. Washington.

July 16th, 1907.

My dear Mr. Speer;-

Last night there closed in our city what Mr. Wm. Shaw, our beloved secretary, declared to be : " While not the largest convention we have had, it has been the most successful. The addresses surpassed those of any international Endeavor gathering." I wish that I might tell you even one hundredth part of the wonderful privileges which have been ours these past days. If I can secure a program for you I shall certainly send you one and also a complete report of the convention, which I am sure you and Mrs. Speer will enjoy reading.

The one thing which has delighted me most of all has been the strong, intense and enthusiastic interest for missions and last night in the huge tent when we had the roll call of the states and the expression of the purposes of those states for the next two years, the keynote of each and every purpose was "The speedy evangelization of the whole world- the World For CHRIST."

I want you to know how delighted we have been to have with us at this time Mr. Stelzle and Mr. Vogt- we Presbyterians have been justly proud of them and they have been a wonderful inspiration to us. I heard Mr. Stelzle but once and regret exceedingly that I could not hear him again. He is a powerful man, splendidly equipped for his chosen work and I am glad that he is one of the number at dear old 156.

Mr. Vogt tells me that he is but a "Baby secretary" of our Board, but I tell you, Mr. Speer, he is going to be a powerful worker. His favorite expression seems to be the words, "Rattling good" and I think that can be fitly applied to him, for he certainly is going to be a "rattling good"

man for our Home Mission Board. I want to tell you of a few of <sup>the</sup> meetings at which he was the leading spirit. One morning we met at Mr. Wilson's church to discuss "Missionary Methods" and as Mr. Vogt stood up there he had fired at him by old and young some very difficult questions- questions which might have puzzled a much older man, but he was equal to the occasion and it was simply splendid the skill he displayed at that time. I was very proud of him.

Friday afternoon in the First Presbyterian we had a glorious Presbyterian rally, which none who were there will ever forget. Mr. Vogt presided on that memorable occasion and I couldn't help thinking what an honor was his that day. As he stood up to open the meeting, before him sat a vast audience of loyal, earnest, consecrated Presbyterians and on the platform around him there were seated a group of the finest leaders in our church today, men from almost every nation- men, all of them, much older in years and in experience than he, and yet out of that great host it was he who had been chosen to lead that meeting. It was a glorious time- we bowed our heads and thanked God that we had the honor to belong to the Presbyterian church. I do wish you could have heard the addresses that day- they were all inspiring, but Dr. Ira Landrith of Nashville excelled them all in his eloquence and above all in his broadmindedness; he has been one of our greatest speakers these days.

I want to tell you of one more meeting at which Mr. Vogt presided. It was the Endeavor meeting at the First Church on Sunday evening. Long before the time for the meeting to begin the basement was crowded to the doors and we had to go up into the auditorium, which was packed upstairs and down when Mr. Vogt arose to announce the opening hymn. I cannot tell you all the blessings which we received during that hour, but I can truthfully say that it was the most wonderful, the most deeply spiritual C. E. meeting I ever attended- Mr. Vogt made us see God and in his closing prayer, he took us with him to the very foot of God's throne!



You may think it strange that I have told you so much of Mr. Vogt, but I want you and the other secretaries at 156 to know of the great inspiration which Mr. Vogt has been to us at this time. I had the privilege of two most delightful little visits with him at the Lincoln; yesterday afternoon I met him there by appointment and talked over with him a matter which has been very much on my heart of late and he did me a whole world of good by his frankness, his optimism and his deep consecration. Somehow, it has been he of all the speakers who has brought to me just the message that I was needing most, and I feel that in him I have a friend well worth the having, one for whom I am deeply grateful to God.

Dr. Beattie from Canton has been one of the leading spirits of this convention and we have been so glad to have him with us. His words in behalf of dear old China were always intensely earnest and delightfully optimistic- he has done an immense amount of good and aroused a very real interest in the noble work which is being done in the "Celestial Kingdom". I had the pleasure last night of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Irwin of Laos, Siam. My only regret has been that more of our missionaries could not have been with us. How Father would have enjoyed it! He chaperoned a number of college boys from the Shantung College to that wonderful convention in Tokio and in his last letter he declared that he was twenty years younger and my Father will be young when he is a hundred years old. He is making things hum at Wei Hien these days and the news of the work in all branches is glorious. My, don't I wish I were there! Sometimes I think if I had an airship, I would literally fly to China! Never mind, I can't understand God's ways, but I know His way is best and that someday, sometime, I shall certainly get back to China and I don't think I'll ever leave it again!

Now I am going to ask a favor of you, Mr. Speer. In a late letter from Mr. David McConoughy, he told me that he and his family would

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spend their summer vacation this year at Diamond Pond, where you go each year. After you and Mrs. Speer have read this letter will you please see that Mr. McConaughy reads it too, it will save me writing a separate letter to him when I have so many to write just now and he won't mind a bit.

I want to thank you very much for your last letter to me, so full of news of dear friends and with such kindly expressions of your interest in my welfare. Never a day passes that I do not thank God for the warm, inspiring, helpful friendship of yourself and Mrs. Speer. May God bless you both a hundredfold!

With most cordial regards to yourselves, Mr. and Mrs. Mc Conaughy and Dr. Brown, I am,

Always gratefully your friend,

*Jean Mateer*

Maxwell, Wm. H.

WILLIAM H. MAXWELL  
POTTSTOWN, PA.

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APR 20 1909.

Mr. Spear.

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Mr. Robert E. Spear  
New York

Dear Mr. Spear

Your letter received - in regard to the man in whom you are interested - I have tried to look over the ground but with no results thus far. From a confidential talk I judge the "Chadwick" would not be the best place for him, even if we could get something for him to do there, which I think is doubtful at present. I judge from your description that the best thing for him to be doing - would be as a Chauffeur or other out door work - as he is not a machinist or Blacksmith or moulder I do not know what he could do at such place as factory except labor - & I suppose such labor would not suit. I have several lines out & will write you again this week - we do not employ very many Chauffeurs in Pottstown - possibly 8 or 10 - and they all seem to be filled - but I want to assure I will do all in my power to fix the young man up - & will count it a pleasure to do it for you if I possibly



WILLIAM H. MAXWELL  
POTTSTOWN, PA.

Can - but that I had better write you  
now - possibly you might have some  
suggestions to make - I judge he is a  
single man - and also how far does  
the amount of pay enter into calculation -  
that is what can we expect to be minimum of  
pay - in looking for a position - I wish  
you would let me know this

With kindest regards

I am faithfully yours

W H Maxwell

Pottstown 4/27/09

Medburg, Harriet L.

Eaton, July 17<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
(Mad. Co., N.Y.)

My dear Mr. Speer,

Your letter reached me here last evening. You will see I have changed my address. I have moved back to the town which was my home before I went away. I came April 1<sup>st</sup>. The tents were raised in Earlville so I thought best to bear the expense and trouble of moving hoping also to get a house less cold and damp.

I have the larger part

of an old house here  
right- opposite the prin-  
cipal stores and mar-  
ket so it- is easier for  
me to get- what- I want.  
The house is very old  
and shabby but- with  
a few repairs which  
they agreed to make

(but have not) would do  
me very well. I get- it  
for Three dollars a month  
so you will know it is  
not a palace. I do all  
my work and tend my  
garden. I have improved

very much this sum-  
mer and walk a great-  
deal, in a day, though but  
few minutes at a time.  
A doctor who is a nei-  
ghbor of mine is pre-  
scribing for me. He says  
he sees no reason why  
I may not- walk yet-  
and says he knows of  
cases similar to mine  
that have been cured.

I work out of doors as  
much as possible and  
sit out- whenever my work  
indoors permits. I am  
able to get to church on

sabbath & sometimes Wed.  
eve but not now as the  
girl who wheels my chair  
is picking pears, a busi-  
ness everyone who works  
out is engaged in. I am  
to have a hand tricycle  
through the kind effort  
of Mr. Miriam Gardner  
of Clifton Springs. It is  
ordered now. I shall be  
able to get about then quite  
independantly. I am sure  
I was right in not going  
into any home as I am  
very comfortable and happy  
here. I have better health  
and am in better spirits  
always when I am



being. I also gain  
in walking by exercis-  
ing out-of doors. Here  
I have been to some  
expense in putting up  
hand rails so I can  
get-up and down the  
back steps and out-  
to my garden. That &  
other repairs & the cleaning  
up of the place which  
was in a bad condition  
as the result-of being  
rented a few months at-  
a time to various parties  
(and nothing done to



repair damages by  
the old lady (eighty-five  
years old who has the  
use and care of it-),

have cost me as much  
or more than to have  
remained in Earlville  
but the next six months  
ought not to cost me  
extra.

My little garden supplies  
all my food except bread  
cereals and a little  
meat. I have long been  
almost a vegetarian and  
recent disclosures have  
confirmed me so I

have little expense for  
meat.

My moving was tedious  
as the roads were almost  
impassable and it rained  
a week so I was detained  
and then had to have  
two teams in place of  
the one big van that would  
have been <sup>sufficient</sup> quite doubling  
the expense. I hope not  
to move in a long time  
but do not know as the  
necessary repairs which  
were promised four months  
ago are not touched yet.  
I thank you very  
much for the check.

I also thank you for  
your kind interest. It  
is kind of you and Mrs  
Speer to remember me &  
my affairs amidst all  
the cares of your busy lives.

I appreciate it - very much.

If I could only find  
some way of being of some  
use in God's busy world  
I should call myself  
very well off. However  
I am in the place  
God has put me and  
so must be content.

My regards to yourself and  
family. Again with thanks  
yours kindly Harriet L. Medford

Meeker, Alexander G.

Dear Mr. Speer -

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Mr. Speer

In accepting your  
kind invitation to write you  
I want to tell you how unhappy  
my many sins have made  
me. I have freely confessed  
them all to my Heavenly  
Father time and again, only  
to sooner or later commit  
the same sins, or worse,  
and then again be overcome  
with remorse and sorrow  
and go to Him for forgiveness  
and pray for His help and  
guidance in the future.

This state of affairs has

and for all time renounce all sinful pleasures and follow my Master.

Oh, I have prayed continually for Him to fill me with the Holy Spirit but some how or other I do not get the desired result, the religious enthusiasm to lead me victorious through the midst of temptations.

Oh, I long for that blessed in-filling of the Spirit of God that will make me say with Paul, "Forgetting those things which are behind, I press forward to the prize, of the high calling of God".

Can you help me? Will you pray for me?

God has abundantly blessed me and I do love Him and Jesus Christ, my Saviour, though you will probably say, You could not and yet be so sinful.

Yet I loved deeply and devotedly my dear, good Mother and yet violated her teachings.

Oh pray for me Dr. Speer that I may be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ from all uncleanness of body, mind and soul and become a vessel of honor unto Him.

Hopefully yours

Alexander L. Meeker  
151 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City

February fourteenth  
Nineteen eleven.



continued from my boyhood up.

I was taught to do <sup>only</sup> what was right by the best Christian Mother a boy could have and my desire has always been to do good and be good.

I can not remember ever having missed my morning or evening prayers but in spite of all that my sins of the flesh have been many.

These temptations have always been great to me - sometimes I have been strong enough to resist, other times, too weak (or unwilling?) to throttle them; and then remorse, and sorrow.

I want to now, once



Weeks(?) Agnes P.

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My dear Mr. Spurr :-

Many  
times your note of  
sympathy has been  
much to me and it  
has been my intention  
to write to you <sup>and</sup>  
now I see that you  
are to be here on  
Perkeling on Sunday -

words are a precious help  
to me - I am being sus-  
tained by a wonderful  
strength and I feel that  
you have been the means  
during these years that  
have gone by in making  
me to see things as I do  
now - The Conference week  
at Holbrook was a wonder-  
ful preparation for what  
was to come to me so  
soon -

Most cordially Yours.

Agnes Payson Parker.

October the eighteenth -

2612 Regent St. -

9 Mrs. M. C. James -

Berkely - California.

I have only seen  
the one meeting at  
Stiles Hall scheduled.  
and know that  
every moment of  
your time must be  
fully occupied. - If  
there is any way  
at all whereby I  
might see you it  
would help me imme-  
asurably - Yours

Meigs, Dwight R. RECEIVED

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D. R. M.

MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr Speer -

Your letter of Sunday written from the Hill has strengthened greatly my feelings on many subjects of this college's life, and made me realize just how much more my four years here can mean to me if I start in strong.

Bowman and Mill told me a few days ago



which we enjoy at Yale, and I can see how wise Father was to put off my going to college for another year.

You will be glad to know that Bowman has removed all of his conditions and now is free to do whatever he pleases. He says it is quite novel.

I have read "A Young Man's Questions" and my mind is clearer than ever on the points of smoking and drinking. I am also going to try to keep away from the theatres here, for one can see too much of the other side of life without trying in such a place as New Haven.

Thank you for taking the trouble to write me, and I only hope that I can acquit myself as you would have me.

faithfully yours  
Dwight B. Meigs.

that probably the best thing  
I could at present do, would  
be to take an active interest  
in the Boz's Club, which is  
supported by the Freshman Class,  
I think.

The Freshman Bible Study  
Class led by H.B. Wright  
whom you doubtless know, I  
hope to attend, as well as the  
Sunday Prayer-Meeting.

I think that my six  
months expensiveness in Chicago  
prepared me in a great  
measure for the great freedom

no reply

Meigs, John

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JOHN MEIGS, PH.D., HEAD MASTER.

*Let's*

AUG 13 1910

*Dear Mr. Speer*

Dear Mr. Speer:

Welcome home  
and joy be with you!

You have  
long since been crowned in the  
hearts of those who love you, and  
even Edinburgh can add little to  
their sense of the honors due you —  
and yet, they do rejoice that the  
world is confirming their long-cherished  
judgment.

We, Mrs. John, Margaret  
Marion and I, are at our beloved  
lake, thankful for one of the  
most blessed summers of our life  
and happily anticipating the arrival,  
in a few days, of Dwight & Ruth

who landed nearly a fortnight ago.

Mrs. John

and I have been with them at "The Hill" where they passed Sunday before going to Rochester to see Ruth's family, and whence we hope they will come to us before Sunday.

I remain,  
very truly  
yours,

Charles E. Wells, a Park College graduate, who has been in mission work, teaching in Chile, and later, I believe, in the government service. Do you know him, and what would you think of him for "The Hill"? He would teach Spanish and make himself generally useful. I shall be most grateful for your frank opinion.

All join me  
in love - we understand that Emma  
and the children are still in Ohio.

Affectionately yours

John Meigs

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Meigs, John

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Mr. Speer.

please try to come monthly as before so far as you consistently  
can remembering particularly October First the first Sunday  
in the Autumn Eliminating last three Sundays in dec first  
in Jan'y last two in March First in April last three in June Miss  
Elizabeth is gaining steadily I am greatful to say.

John Meigs 1211pm.

Meigs, Marion

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MR. SPEER.

Dear Mr. Speer - I asked my  
secretary to copy a number of  
selections from my own book and  
forward them to you this morning.  
I don't like "to right is grandeur  
To me dust" either for a Memorial  
tablet, neither am I satisfied  
with any that I sent you. I should  
greatly prefer a verse from  
the Bible - Why not such a  
triumphant passage as Rom 8: 35, 37-39  
or Rev. 12: 11. Would such a verse  
as this be too personal? -

which I believe is the real translation. for that  
is what we shall always need there - The listening  
ear - The word of God, the hymns we sing, the  
prayers of the sermon should be listened to by  
the "ears of our understanding", as well as our  
mere physical ears - Some other thoughts can visit  
the you come! God bless you for all you learn  
with us when you go from us, and with no one do  
you learn more gratitude than your friend.

Marion Meigs.

Dec 2, 1903.

"Ye shall indeed drink of the  
cup that I drink of; and with  
the baptism that I am baptized  
withal shall ye be baptized."

Surely you must know far better  
than I some strong men from the  
Word of God to describe me of  
this man!

We hope the Chapel  
will be ready for you to preach  
in on Sunday. If you have  
not already thought of a text  
for such an occasion, how much  
it be to take Samuel's answer  
to the Voice of God. "Speak  
Lord, for thy servant is listening."



Meigs, Marion  
3/10/07

Hotel Bon Air  
Augusta, Ga.



My dear Mr. Spurr.

It is just Vespertime  
and my thoughts naturally turn towards  
the still and you - at this hour.

My Mother and I are sitting beside  
open windows, and "all the air is  
thrilling with Spring" - the birds are  
singing their goodnight songs, and  
I cannot believe it is still March!

I was so sorry I ought not  
about from Mr. Hamm both Sundays  
you were there - The first at  
Bana Hall and The second with  
us for our Thurmie Reunion - So

he quoted this phrase, which I thought  
remarkably strong and fine - "The door of  
opportunity is also the gate of judgment."

God bless you and dear Emma  
today and all days.

With deepest appreciation of what  
you are giving us month by month, and  
our united love to you both.

Always faithfully your friend,

Maxim Mays.

Mar. 10, 1907.

my hopes that you might see him were  
not realized - God has some other  
time and way perhaps to bring him  
back to close fellowship with Christ.

I want you to know, dear  
Mr. Spur, that Professor prays  
for you and dear Emma by name  
every night, and in the mornings  
if we have our quiet time together.  
Your sorrow has been very near  
the core of his heart, as well  
as mine - We heard a very simple  
and helpful sermon this morning  
from a young Episcopalian rector  
in "Proke while it is day" in which

*Heigs, Marion*

Sabbath-Day Point,

Lake George, N.Y.

August 2nd., 1907;

My dear Mr. Speer:-

Pardon me for intruding upon your time of rest; but I know you will want to help me, if you can, in answering the enclosed letter.

Of course, we can do nothing for Mrs. Culley at The Hill. Do you know of any school where such a lady might secure a position, and where she could obtain as good a salary as \$800 a year and her living? Would you advise such a person to apply to a Teachers' Agency, such as Mrs. Young-Fulton's in New York?

Will you please give to Emma the enclosed



envelope, addressed to her; on the anniversary of little Eleanor's heavenly birthday. May God help you to turn your eyes from the valley of the shadow of death, which lies behind you, to the heavenly hills which lie before you.

Always with deepest affection,  
dear Mr. Speer,

Your faithful friend,

*Marion Meigs.*

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My  
Miss told me

no dogs correspond

Edman sent how good  
date Sept. end of

Meigs, Marion

Apr. 1, 1910

THE HILL  
POTTSTOWN  
PENNSYLVANIA



My dear Mr. Speer:

I greatly appreciate your sending me "The Servants of the King", but shall ask you to write in it when you next come to The Hill that I may increase its value with your signature. I recall with great pleasure hearing you deliver the address on Alice Jackson, at the time of Margaret's graduation, at Dana Hall. I am going to ask you if you will not repeat two of your sermons here this Spring, the one on "Lies" and the other on "The Unspotted Life", unless you have settled upon something else definitely.

I know just how busy dear Emma is, and how hard it is for her to get the necessary leisure for outside correspondence. So I am taking the liberty of enclosing

an addressed envelope, and asking her to scribble down in pencil the names and publishers of the two books, of which she sent me a type written synopsis before I went to Europe, that is if they have been published. Mr. Bok has asked me to suggest some books which may possibly be serviceable to him in the editing of a series of volumes, of which Dr. Chpaman's book, which I sent to Emma, will be one.

Believe me, with sincerest gratitude  
for your book, and with dear love to Emma,  
Faithfully your friend,

*Marion Meigs.*

April 1, 1910.

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TELEPHONE, 4038 JOHN

New York,

July 28th, 1906.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer  
# 156 Fifth Ave  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

Your talks at Northfield at the College Convention a few weeks ago were of the greatest help to my wife and self, and to all the young men generally. My wife had never heard you before, but had heard me speak so often and so highly of you, that she was very anxious to listen to one whom I had praised so sincerely. She wanted to meet you, but I saw how busy you were and how surrounded after your addresses that I have deferred for her that great pleasure. Your Sunday morning address on "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John" was especially helpful to me-it has aroused me to greater desire to work harder and more earnestly for the Master. It was my great privilege to speak at several Delegation Meetings and I can assure you that all the young men I came in contact with spoke to me of the great spiritual help afforded by your messages. I know your aversion to compliment, but believe when a man is sincere in his praise it is far better to grant a little of it here on earth rather than a post mortem eulogy. I have just returned from a trip through New Hampshire, telling out the wonderful story of Jesus and His Love and I am ready and anxious for a most active winter campaign for the dear Master. With kindest regards I am Yours very truly,

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MR. SPEER.

E. C. MERCER, ASST. SUPT.



Merrill, George Grenville

Villa Les Brises.

St. Jean, Cap Ferrat,

Alpes Maritimes.

France.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1911.

My dear Robie,

Last night I dreamt about you. You had accumulated wealth and had bought a house in lower Fifth Av. and I feared you would put on "airs" but when I saw you, you were just the same dear old Robie, whom I saw at Hugh Birkhead's in New York. I sometimes have "waves of feeling" toward you when I feel as though I would give a great deal to see you; as we are once more across the ocean. The next best thing is writing, so I sit down here at the end of another sparkling day to write to you. I wish indeed that you & yours could be here, breathing in the most delicious air in the world, looking up toward the most wonderful sea & mountains in the world. To begin; we



sailed from New York on the Celtic Jan. 11th & reached Gibraltar in good time. On account of heavy rain we were unable to land at the Azores. Gibraltar was as always fascinating, with the purpleish mountains of Spain on the one side & the dark & jagged mountains of Africa on the other. We next went to Algiers, looking again & again back on the great Rock, which looks like a noble British lion facing the continent of Europe. Algiers was most interesting with the big sozzed Arabs drinking their coffee & smoking their long pipes at innumerable cafes. Then we came on here to Villefranches, more wonderful mountains & a sea of gold in the early morning light & a little boats of many colors coming out to meet us. We landed and in 48 hours had rented this villa & hired a French cook - we brought with us a waitress & a nurse - the children are happy & so are we. Our view is magnificent. My little Natalie has just come in & dictates the following. My dear Bobbie Speer - I've got a beautiful garden in France with flowers & fruit trees

all in bloom. I send you my love. "She is now 4 years old (on Washington's birthday & is the pet of the house) - My boy will be 2 yrs old in August & is a huge, fat fellow with yellow curls. This place is not far from Nice, half an hour in the railway. We take excursions & walks nearly every day, walking 10 miles over mountain paths last Saturday. I remember so well one of your letters in College describing a walk you took in the heart of the mountains & lying under a spreading oak you could laugh at the storm which had suddenly burst overhead. We hope to return in May. As I am rested now after my strenuous 5 years in Buffalo, I will take up any new work with energy - I do not know yet where that will be. In your wanderings if you hear of any Church needing an energetic parson, think of me. Bishop Harding of Washington & Bishop Walker of New York have both been most kind & I know the work will come in God's own time. And now let me turn from my own concerns & my own life to you. What are you writing now? I enjoyed fully your book on the S. American problems.



It is remarkable how these people can  
either worship in lawless churches or  
else have no religion at all. It is  
seen perhaps especially here where  
there are so many idle people from  
all over the world! I miss my  
books very much but will have  
time to study The Book & the  
Lord's Life seems very real among  
these oliveyards & mountain  
slopes & by the shores of the sea.  
May He abundantly bless your  
life with the joy of His service.  
How is the new baby? How is your  
work progressing? Your photo orna-  
ments our french drawing room &  
you have been surrounded by  
branches of mimosa that most  
beautiful flower! which looks  
like sunshine. Is not Religion  
Sunshine? Not a God of Wrath,  
a Hard Schoolmaster, but a God of  
infinite pity & condescension &  
one who abundantly forgives!!

Both my former churches - Truxedo  
& Buffalo have no pastors - I fear  
the work will suffer. Lots of love  
dear Robie. Always affectly

George Grenville Merrill  
Write if you care to - Will be here until May 1st

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
155 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I received your note yesterday with enclosures. Thank you for your promptness.

Your words at Dr. Trumbull's funeral were precisely what they should have been. You indicated the strong points in his life and teaching. He was indeed a great man and has left a deep impression upon the world in many different lines. You knew him much more intimately than almost anyone outside of his own family knew him, for he spoke of you almost as he would have spoken of his own son.

His death was as beautiful as his life. There was no long, lingering experiences of suffering, but a translation, with only a few hours of unconsciousness, from the busy activity of his long and useful life to the new service - in which already he is engaged for his Lord, and close to Him.

I suppose the family will arrange for his biography but I know of none who <sup>could</sup> ~~can~~ do the work so well as you could do it.

Affectionately yours,

F.C.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

Now that you are home again I write to you regarding work for next year. You will recall that I wrote you some time since regarding some articles for The Westminster Teacher. I think I explained that the Teacher will be a weekly from January first. This will give us opportunity for a little more work in addition to the lesson matter. We are trying to make all we can of missions in the Sunday Schools. I should like when you have time if you will write one or more articles on this subject for The Teacher. You are able to give some suggestions concerning the subject, and the best way to carry out the desire of the Boards, that the children and the young people shall be educated in missions. Perhaps you can let us have an article before a great while. When I wrote you before I suggested an editorial, but I think it is better to have your name to such articles, for the name carries great weight.

We want to have as brief articles as possible in The Teacher, for the sake of variety, and we would rather not have them exceed eight hundred words,-- certainly not exceed one thousand.

With regard to your work in Forward next year, I have not talked with you definitely. You furnished us with quite a large number of editorial notes which we have been using more or less during the fall. But I think we have <sup>long</sup> no editorials now on hand from you. When you can



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let us have one or more; they will be very welcome. These, you remember, are not to exceed one thousand words. Then I should like to have something <sup>besides</sup> once a month from you. If you have a series in mind of ten or twelve articles, we shall be glad to get them from you. I know how busy you are, and I must not press you too much for our work. But you know that we always want from you whatever you can give, for people like to read what you write.

Is there any hope that you can give us a Sunday evening sometime during the fall or winter or spring at St. Paul's? I do very much want you to preach in the new church, where we can get in more than a thousand people to hear you. I must not be grasping in this matter, but I certainly shall be very happy if you can at any time give us a Sunday evening or a Sunday morning or a week evening.

Affectionately yours,

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Christmastide, 1906

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 5th Ave., N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Speer:-

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MR. SPEER.

As the Christmas days come on, my heart warms toward my friends and especially toward the members of my editorial household. I do not think you know how deep a personal interest I have in you and how grateful I am to you for the valuable help you give in the making of Forward.

You will be pleased to know that Forward has had a good year. The circulation has increased a number of thousands and now runs considerably above a quarter million weekly from our own office, besides the two other editions which are published under different names, at Boston and Pittsburgh. I am very proud of Forward. It took a good many years and a good deal of hard work to get it up to its present acknowledged value as a paper for young people and to its present reach of influence. But now that it fills so large a place, I am grateful and very happy. Of course we want to make it better each new year than it has been in any past years. Things that are allowed to come to a standstill soon begin to slide backwards. I am sure our contributors have also the desire to make their work better each year.

I want to thank you for the excellent work you have done during the year. You never can know the value of it. I suppose we are safe in saying that every number of Forward has four or five readers. When we multiply the more than four hundred thousand copies that go out each week by five, we have an aggregate of two millions of readers, many young, some

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old. I do not think this is an over-estimate. The assurance that words of yours have touched two millions of lives this year is a very comforting one. Some day you will know what it all means. It is a great privilege to be allowed to put touches of beauty upon immortal lives, to start impulses toward higher ideals in human hearts.

It is my most earnest wish that this Christmastide may bring to you many personal blessings. Christmas means a great deal to those who think seriously of what the day stands for. It is far more than a shining date in the calendar, more than a day for receiving and giving presents. It is a day for the opening of our hearts to receive more of Christ and of the blessings of his love. It is a day which is hallowed especially by what we may do for others, the comfort we may give, the cheer we may start in lonely hearts and the uplift toward better things we may put into the minds of those whom we touch with our lives and our words.

Wishing you the best Christmas you ever have had and the Happiest New Year,

I remain,

Very faithfully your friend,

*J. R. Miller*



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Feb. II, 1908.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer,

Mr. Duff will see you on Wednesday to arrange finally with you about the special meetings we intend to have in the first week of March, i.e. March I-8. You will recall that you promised us to come at that time when we saw you about it at Northfield last summer, and I hope you will be able to fit your dates into our scheme, which has been very carefully worked out. The general subject for the week is "Personal Devotion to Jesus Christ", and the subjects for the different nights are as follows:

Mon. "Indifference".	} Mett.
Tues. "Doubt".	
Wed. "Immorality".	

Thurs. "Personal Devotion to Jesus Christ". Boyd Edwards.

Fri. "Decision"	} Speer.
Sat. "Service".	

The Chapel services were filled last summer before we had matured our plans for the meetings, but the preachers are fairly good, and will be instructed to fit in to the situation.

As you see we want you for Mar. 6 and 7, and we wish very much to have you and all the speakers stay right through the period of their addresses to talk personally with men. We want you to be with us on Friday and Saturday.

I am writing you to urge upon you the great need of this thing, and the peculiar opportunity just now here at Princeton.

I believe that we are on the verge of a great expansion in the work here, and the spirit and accomplishment here this year have been so good that all that we need is a little extra effort to send a lot of men over the line into an active Christian life. We have not called on you this year before purposely so that we might be assured of you at this very important time, and I can not tell you how strongly I feel the necessity of your coming.

It is one of my pet aims for Princeton that she should take the leadership of the colleges, not for our self-glorification, but for the good of all, and also that she should take her old place of leadership in the ministry of the country. There are signs already that she is going to do this, but we need a great rousing from the indifference which is the bane of most of our colleges, and which is also ~~our~~ chief trouble here.

Very cordially yours,

Lucius Hopkins Miller



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Princeton, -

Sept. 30. 1910.

My dear Mr. Speer,

President Wilson tells me that Feb. 26 is already filled & under such circumstances that he does not feel he ought to ask to have the date changed. He wishes me, however, to extend to you in his behalf a cordial invitation to take the following Sunday i.e. March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Totally aside from the connection with our special meetings, I am most anxious that you may see your way clear, or even make your way clear, to accept this invitation.

You should have been on our Chapel list years ago & had I been able to control it you would have been. There was no personal objection on President Wilson's part but merely a scruple because -

of the fact that you were not an ordained minister. This, too, was not his own personal scruple but rather a regard, as he thought, for the scruples of others. I felt several years ago, when I first brought the matter to his attention, that he need have had no such feeling. In fact, I know it has worked just the other way for many have wondered why we did not ask you & have criticized.

I speak thus frankly that you may know just how matters have stood & that you may know that we are all eager to have you.

Now, if you can, we would like to have you give us Sunday, Feb. 26, too - we can keep you busy that day with audiences in Dodge Hall that will make it quite worth your while - the main object being to get all our workers into line for wider work in the following days.

We hope Clayton Coape may be here that week to cooperate with you in group work & along Bible Study lines & especially with the Faculty. I wish you were here now to feel

the pulse of our religious life. It has, never, within my experience of over 15 years been beating so strong & regularly -

I am surprised that so few alumni realize the fact that the last three years here have seen a wonderful deepening as well as expansion - & yet I am not surprised for all of us who have been in it have been too busy, & perhaps somewhat diffident too, to advertise properly. This ought to be done & this year we expect to let the alumni know the facts - no oratory, just plain facts - & then they can judge for themselves.

Hoping soon to hear from you favorably concerning Feb. 26 & Mar. 5.

Yours cordially,

Lucina Hopkins Miller

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CHARLES S. MILLS, Pastor  
EDGAR S. ROTHROCK, Associate Pastor.

Mills, Charles S.

FEB 27 1903  
R. SPEER.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer,

I have this morning a letter from Mrs. Pitkin in which she calls my attention again to your desire for some account of the ordination of Mr. Pitkin. I send you as bearing upon the matter,

- (1) All the Calendars of the Church in which any allusion is made to the event.

- (2) All papers on file with the clerk with reference to the same.

- (3) A copy of the ordination program.

- (4) Clippings from daily papers alluding to the matter.

This completes, so far as I know, everything of a documentary nature except allusions made by our mutual friend, Mr. Bronson, in the Memorial Address at Yale College. I desire personally in addition to write to you in a strictly confidential way about the ordination. Under such circumstances as have attended Mr. Pitkin's tragic death every one would wish to say the very best possible things about any event of his life, but, on the other hand, one ought to be absolutely honest and therefore I cannot send you any enthusiastic account of the ordination. The address made by Mr. Bronson and all <sup>his</sup> allusions <sup>to the ordaining Council</sup> were entirely out of place for Mr. Bronson was not here and did not rightly interpret the situation. I felt very sorry that he said what he did reflecting upon the members of the Council, for he gave the impression that the spirit was that of the old time inquisition and Mr. Pitkin tortured at the stake.





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The real facts are as follows, -Mr. Pitkin was by nature often very careless. He did not seem to grasp sometimes the need of exact and careful preparation. He made some serious mistake in regard to the date of the meeting of the American Board, I have forgotten just now what it was, but it confused the plans for his marriage, the Board Meeting and the ordination, all of which came at nearly the same time, the ordination following directly the meeting of the Board and the marriage immediately preceding it.

He made no preparation for the Council until just beforehand. He assumed that the fact that he had been accepted as a missionary of the American Board would preclude any examination of his qualifications. The examination by the Board, on the other hand, is not intended to take the place of the usual process of ordination and it is the Ordaining Council which has the primary responsibility for sealing a man for the ministerial office in foreign lands.

I found that he had no written statement of his beliefs (I think it was at the meeting of the Board) and strongly advised him to prepare such a statement if possible, knowing that this would probably be the easiest way, as it was the customary way, for a young man on coming before such a Council. I have understood since, I think through Mr. Beach, that in order to do this Mr. Pitkin sat up late for one or two nights and that consequently he came to the Council fagged. But, however that may be, the real fact is that he made quite an unfavorable impression upon the Council and that the whole afternoon session with its examination was a great disappointment to those who most loved and honored him.



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Mr. Beach felt at the time more keenly than he could express the situation in which he found himself, for it is doubtful whether the Council would have given sanction to Mr. Pitkin's ordination if it had not been (1) that Mr. Beach could testify with the utmost confidence to Mr. Pitkin's religious experience and intense earnestness, (2) that he had already been accepted as a missionary of the Board, (3) that he was ordained in Pilgrim Church whose devotion to the cause of missions and exaltation of evangelical faith was well known to every member of the Council.

It is true that the Moderator, who is one of the finest men in this section, a man of very broad sympathies but also of a keen analytical mind, questioned Mr. Pitkin very sharply, but the real difficulty lay in the fact that Mr. Pitkin, either because of some unfortunate difficulty with himself, or because he had never put into definite expression his own faith, was unable to give satisfactory answers to the very simplest and broadest questions. For instance, if the Council asked him—What is your motive in going to China?—he could not give any answer that revealed any deep conviction of his own. The very heart of the evangelical faith seemed to be lacking. The paper which he read was vague and gave little hint of what some of us felt was surely the spirit of the man. The seriousness of the situation may be seen by the fact that when the Council at last voted to be by itself Mr. Beach was obliged practically to guarantee the real Mr. Pitkin against the man whom we had seen and heard, and also from the fact that after prolonged discussion, the usual vote to proceed to the ordination, the Council re-



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requested three men, of whom I was one (although of course I was not myself a member of the Council and was not in the room when the Council was by itself) to have an interview with Mr. Pitkin and to advise him to study more particularly the central doctrines of our faith and to secure for himself a thoroughly articulated system of theology.

The explanation of the whole event lay, in the judgment of those who knew Mr. Pitkin best, in two circumstances, -

\* (1) That already detailed in his failure to make adequate preparation at the time and in his not being in the best condition mentally or physically when he came to the Council, coupled with with an entire under-valuation of the importance of the occasion to himself, to the church and to the cause of missions.

(2) It was said by some who knew of his course at the Seminary that at the very time when he should have been devoting his energies thoroughly to the study of theology, he was giving his thought ~~so~~ largely to Student Volunteer Campaigns and other missionary efforts.

I have written with the utmost frankness to you believing that you ought to have the clearest possible testimony on this point from one who was especially anxious both for Mr. Pitkin's sake and for the sake of his own church, that the ordination should be as helpful and as enthusiastic as possible and who would therefore be likely to put it in as favorable a light as the facts would warrant. If you desire to get the impressions of the Council from those who would represent the conservative side, write to Rev. H. A. Schauffler, D. D., 3 Morton Avenue Cleveland, or to Rev. H. M. Tenney, D. D., Oberlin, Ohio.





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EDGAR S. ROTHROCK, Associate Pastor.

I should be glad to have you show my letter to Mr. Beach who is a warm personal friend and I am inclined to think that he would agree in every particular with it. He would certainly put you in possession of the whole matter in as favorable a light as possible. Of course we all know that if I have rightly recited the facts the impression of the time did not exhibit the true Horace Pitkin. His own sermons to our church only a few weeks later as he came to us for the last time were a testimony to the splendid personality and the absolute devotion of the man. No one who heard those sermons could for a moment question the strength of his evangelical faith<sup>and</sup>, the clearness of his ideas of the gospel, and any one who was privileged for years to receive, as I did, letters from him on the mission field would have counted them a great source of personal spiritual uplift and growth. As you come to read them you will see the ability, the force and the whole-hearted absorption of the man in his calling.

The exercises of the evening as noted upon the program, were beautiful and impressive. Dr. Brand, whom you may have known, we esteemed one of our great preachers, a man of noble personality and of great insight. Dr. Plumb's charge was in his characteristic vein, eloquent, uplifting, overflowing with exuberant joy in the occasion. Neither he nor Dr. Smith were, I think, present at the afternoon session. They would probably have been more conservative than almost any other member of the Council. You can imagine what Mr. Beach's words would have been, a man who completely won in those days the hearts of our people as he wins so splendidly the hearts of all elsewhere. His close relation to Mr. Pitkin and his hope for the church in the union with him made his





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words of peculiar significance at the time. Dr. Schauffler, who gave the address to the people, is a son of the Dr. Schauffler of Constantinople who is honored in the memory of all missionary annals, and he spoke out of his rich knowledge of the life of the missionary and from a heart the stream of whose devotion runs deep and pure.

If I can give you any further particulars do not fail to write me. I do now know just what you desire me to give you of the later relation of Mr. Pitkin to the church. I can send you probably a copy of every Calendar in which allusion is made to his work. *I think I will ask my assistant to send them with this* You already have his letters. The sermon which I preached at our Memorial Service November 17, 1900, was sent to Dr. Ketler by Mrs. Pitkin and has been I suppose turned over to you. If not, please insist that Dr. Ketler send it to you for it gives, under the special impressions of those days, my reflections upon the meaning of his life in connection with the church and does it better than I could do it now after this lapse of time. A large part of it is made up of extracts of letters from Mr. Bronson, from Mrs. Pitkin and from Mrs. Beadle, but what is said is connected closely with the underlying and important characteristics of the man which came out in his correspondence with us.

His work for us will practically never be at an end. We call our foreign missionary offerings the "Pitkin Memorial Fund". It seemed wise not to adopt a new missionary at once after Mr. Pitkin's martyrdom, but last week with great earnestness we chose as his successor, Rev. George D. Wilder of Tientsin, the act involving the increase of our benevolences by several hundred dollars and being accompanied with the most tender expressions on the part of the people.



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You will not of course fail to inform me of anything that I can do to assist you. I am delighted to know from Mrs. Pitkin's letter that the outlook for the volume seems now so much more favorable and I am glad that it is in your hands.

Sincerely yours,

February 19, 1903.

*Charles S. Mills*

Please return all copies of the Calendars as they are taken out of our file <sup>as</sup> ~~and~~ we cannot replace them, also the newspaper clippings, <sup>x documents</sup> as they are taken from my scrap-book, and the papers from the clerk's file. I should also like when you are through with it, the copy of the sermon.

You need not be in any haste to return any of these things, but I want to make sure that all the things I mention are returned when you have no further use for them.

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MR. SPEER

Mills, Matthew  
Chicago,  
Dec. 23, 1907.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

You may perhaps remember me as having been connected with the Young Men's Christian Association at Yale some years ago. I have <sup>not</sup> known you personally very well but ever since I first heard you talk - I think you spoke on "Remember Jesus Christ" - I have felt that there was no other man who brought to my heart and mind a clearer vision of what Jesus really is and what He can mean to a man. Because of



this I am coming to you to ask  
your help. While I have always  
had in my heart a love for the  
Master, since I have left college  
I have fallen away from what  
might be called a Christian life  
and have tried to substitute for it  
a theory of life based on the idea  
that hard work and right living  
would answer the test when Jesus  
came to measure up my record.

Within the last few weeks  
there has come into my life a  
most terrible trouble - at least  
it seems so to me. It is all  
the more terrible because it  
seems to me that it is entirely

undeserved. It has been the failure  
to satisfy an ambition of my  
life which was absolutely worthy  
and which, if attained, would  
have made my life better and  
more noble. I cannot reconcile  
the coming of this trouble with  
any theory consistent with the  
theory that Jesus Christ is a  
Savior of love and mercy. I had  
made sacrifices - real ones - in  
order that I might secure the  
attainment of my hopes and I  
cannot understand. When this  
trouble first came to me I was  
absolutely rebellious and felt  
that I would give Jesus up. Since



then by constant prayer I have  
come to accept it as something  
that has been sent to me to make  
my life more worthy and more  
devoted to the Master's work. But  
all the time even with that faith  
there is ~~all the time~~ a failure  
to understand just why I should  
be troubled as I am. In other  
words while I am ready to en-  
dure if it is necessary, yet  
feel that it should be shown  
me why I am suffering. Can  
you help me? Perhaps you have  
been through this yourself if  
not you must have seen other  
men through. I have wanted

to get into some religious work  
but have felt that I could not  
do anything feeling as I do.  
Many times each day I have  
asked Jesus to give me light  
but it does not seem to come  
and I feel that I have not  
come to him as perhaps I  
should. I hesitate to write  
to you especially since I am  
to a great extent unknown to  
you but at this most vital  
time in my life when I am  
standing at the parting of the  
ways I feel that I may call  
on you. I have offered Jesus

my life without a reservation.  
I have tried honestly and  
sincerely and am trying to  
make my life like His and  
yet I am unhappy. I feel  
that though my soul may be  
firm to live this thing through  
if some help does not come  
soon my human life will  
lose its grip on Him. If you  
can spare the time tell me  
what to do. In some way or  
other I must have happiness  
or at least peace if I am to  
be a Christian. I am ready

to do anything that is the  
right thing to do.

I must apologize for the  
incoherence of this letter; it  
shows in a faint way the  
state my life is in today.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mills.

1600 Graceland Avenue.

I need not ask that you  
will respect the confidential  
nature of this writing.

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Jan. 28, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer: -

I thank you very much for your letter and also for the record of your talk at Northfield. It is a great comfort to me to know that someone else understands just what I am passing through. Only the other day I came across a few words written by Carlyle which seemed to answer for me a question which has been troubling me for these last few months. He says; "There is in man a Higher than Love of Happiness: He can do without Happiness, and instead thereof find Blessedness."





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I think now I understand. While God has willed it that I am not to find what would be my selfish happiness He has taught me that there is a higher, nobler sentiment in life and that is blessedness. If I understand aright I should live not so that I may have all I want but so that my life should mean something good for others. And I am trying to make that my ambition - it is only an ambition at this time except very rarely when I am able to forget myself. Oh my today I had a test and I thank God I was able to cast a vote which meant a great loss to me from a selfish stand -



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print but which <sup>means</sup> much of good to the people  
I represent.

Thank you for what you have done. ~~See~~  
Sometimes one cannot speak of the most  
sacred things to those whom he loves the  
best - even his Father and his Mother, and  
so I turned to you and I am sure I  
have not been misunderstood.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Mills.



Minarvi (?) Rempei The Theological Seminary,  
Auburn, N. Y.

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My dear Mr. Speer,

MR. SPEER.

I have come here  
Auburn on the last Friday, and Mr.  
Crabb and Mr. Mori have been beforehand  
at the Station, and took me kindly  
to the dormitory, Morgan Hall. They showed  
me kindly all the places of the Seminary  
and helped me a great deal to furnish  
my own room.

Through your very warm  
kind introduction, I was in-  
troduced by Dr. Stewart to the Faculty  
yesterday morning, and was received  
by them very warmly. I appreciate  
heartily your kindness and deep  
sympathy toward me. I shall do

my best here in every way not to spoil  
your words to them.

It is a very nice place  
here for students. I hope that I  
should improved greatly while I stay  
here. I am keeping up English when  
I talk with Mr. Mori. The other Japan-  
ese students are not yet here, but  
I will also use English to talk  
with them. In a few days, the another  
Japanese student, Mr. Hikaru, will  
be at the Seminary directly from Japan.  
Therefore, we have come to have six  
country men this year. It is this  
place a small colony of the Japanese,  
is it not, Mr. Asen?

I have written  
yesterday to Professor Meigo, ap-



preciating his and Mrs. John's great  
kindness to me during the last two years.

Please give kindly my best regard  
to Miss Dickey. I will write to you  
very and by how I am interested with  
my new line of study here. I am,  
as ever,

Very affectionately yours,

Temple Thurman.

Minauri?  
Rempei

Dec. 14th., 1904.

At the front in Manturia.

My dear Mr. Speer,

I wanted ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> a long  
time to write to you, but it was so  
busy that I could not an English  
letter lately since I began my  
military work. Please excuse me  
that I neglected to write to you for  
so long time.

Since I wrote to you the  
other day, I continued still to in-  
struct those reserved soldiers who were  
called up on account of the war.  
But they are nearly gone to the

the front, and my present military task at home was done. So my turn came to go to the front. I received the order to go to the front at the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, and left the home-barrack at the 18<sup>th</sup>. Then I reached by the rail-road at Hiroshima, where I could stay for about twenty hours and left it by Hakata mare at <sup>the</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> day. To Dalmy I arrived at <sup>the</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> and reached here at the 4<sup>th</sup> of next. This place is the uttermost left side of the whole Japanese Army whose general is Mr. Oku, and is

about forty miles southward from Mukden.

Though I we face with the Russians at only one or two miles, occupying either villages, there is no great fighting.

It seems to me that there will be no great fight during the winter unless the Russians come down to attack our whole line.

It is believed by us that the Port-Arthur will be taken by the end of December. Our fleet is ready to meet with the Baltic Fleet at any time.

By the way, Dear Mr. Spence, we



are all wishing that the terrible war will be soon stopped, and peace be recovered. The Russian may be the same at this point:

My dear father has died suddenly at the 14th of October after only one night ill. I am sorry that I could not see him at his end and hear what he wanted, to tell me. But I am glad that I can tell you that he was very appreciated your great kindness and generosity to his only son Rempei. Please accept his thankful heart to you while he

<sup>5</sup>  
has been ~~was~~ living. Now my mother and  
wife are living at Hiroshima. If  
you will write sometime to me, please  
address as the following:

Rempri Minami  
66 Konack Street,  
Hiroshima City,  
Japan.

Then any letter will be sent by  
them to me here.

Dear Mr. Speer, I have more  
leisure time here than at home,  
so I will never neglect anymore  
to write to you, and will try to write  
to <sup>you</sup> as often as I possible.

Please, when you rem<sup>em</sup>ber me

before God, pray for me that  
I may glorify Him at any time.

Please remember me most  
kindly to Miss Dietter.

When you will get this letter,  
it will be at the beginning of  
the new year. So I wish you

A Merry Christmas  
and

A Happy New Year.

I am

Very affectionately yours,  
Reneferi.

Minton, H. Collin

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First Presbyterian Church,  
Trenton.

MR. SPEER.

440 Bellevue Ave.

Feb 14, 1907

My dear Mr. Speer:-

I write briefly upon my  
own initiative and without in confidence;  
and I want to ask you whether the suggestion  
of your name in connection with the vacant  
secretaryship of the Board of Education met  
have any interest for you. I think the secretary  
should if this Board should be an ordained minister -  
though even on this point some might disagree  
with me - seeing that its work is so largely  
revolved in ministerial education; and I have  
no doubt whether you would be ready for it



needed for such a work.

There is in contemplation a greatly enlarged  
space for this Board which will  
make this secretariat one of the most attractive  
and influential of their age.

Now if this suggestion interests you in the least  
I will be glad to come to your office and  
talk the whole matter over with you.

It will be impossible for me to come next  
week; if you will wire me a telephone  
no (Trenton 1874 D., Bee's phone) I will  
come in and talk the matter over next  
Saturday morning. Unless you promptly  
and positively veto the suggestion, I think I'd  
better come.

I am Chairman of the Committee to nominate  
but I am visiting this. Not officially but  
personally.

Awaiting your reply  
Very truly yours

Mr. Robert E. Spence  
New York

My sincere attention

Monra (?) Hugh R.

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APR 15 1909

Mr. Speer.



156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 14/09.

My dear Mr Speer.

I have just received yours of 13<sup>th</sup> returning minutes of Brotherhood Conference.

I am enclosing a copy of the Call for Evangelistic Conference. I have added the names of the New York Committee and a few other friends who have expressed approval of the plan and given consent to use their names. I understood that you gave me such permission when I called on you some time ago.

This call has not yet been

sent out and I have had but 100 of these  
proof copies prepared with a view to enlarging  
the number of signers. I am sending out  
letters to some fifty men in this connection  
including a number whose names you  
gave me and on completion of this list of  
signers it is proposed to circulate the  
call in near four page form.

I sincerely trust I have not misunderstood  
your wishes in this matter and if you  
feel the procedure has been in any  
sense unwise I hope you will let  
me know at once.

Sincerely yours

Hugh Donnan

Montgomery, R. Ames

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

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This is to tell you of my personal pleasure in reading the account of events at the University in Edinburgh and the conferring of the doctors degree upon you.

I felt it was a most worthy occasion - Men of worth and a University of worth. Our Doctoring in America has fallen so low in its promiscuous distributing it amounts to nothing - except to rob a man often times of what distinction he really possessed. But in this instance a man who is in the estimate of multitudes



worthy of the best recognition,  
and honors, the universities have  
to give has been selected. Those  
of us who have been lifting  
our eyes to him for many  
days, for inspiration and  
information and stirring of  
the heart are glad this re-  
cognition has been given.

With best wishes for strength  
and a long life, I am,

Cordially yours

P. Ames Montgomery

Moody, May W.

n.d.



My dear Bob: As that it is  
your birthday on the 14th  
and although our good  
brothers will arrive late  
they are now the less im-  
portant and hearty. The  
only regret that we can-  
not celebrate with you  
in "our Camp" style. My  
little "Peggy" had a birthday  
yesterday and the camp  
smiled last evening in  
games & birthday yells  
and cake. The memory  
of which will never fade.  
It will be a joy to

all your friends to hear  
of your family re-union.  
Other re-unions are but  
most like Heavens of any-  
thing on earth. Many  
loving thoughts expressed  
and we all would have  
followed you all summer  
from this place where  
there is as much to remind  
us of you Emma.

May the birthdays  
grow happier and happier  
each year and may you  
be returned to us all  
in safety for we all love  
you. Sincerely yours

May & Willie Moody.



Moody, May W.

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East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Speer: I departed from  
your office very much crushed the  
other day. I am sure you would  
<sup>not</sup> intentionally give a fly so much  
misery. Last summer at  
camp I told you how much we  
wanted you this summer but  
you would not promise "so far  
ahead". But at Englewood  
this spring I tried again to get  
some thing definite - but still  
assured me that you know how  
we wanted you, & I must not  
bother you. Emma said she  
thought she could get you to



come while the one with me or  
stay over from the other. I had  
not a suspicion of a draft but that  
you had us in mind and would  
have some little place for us.  
But your little book is all full up.  
Which certainly looks as though many  
other things were given a preference.

And so my heart felt broken. &  
as I had an invalid husband I  
had to let it break quietly, below  
the surface. which is the most pain-  
ful way. It is bad to

think we can't have a word from  
you at that Conference, but what  
troubles me far more is the turning  
over & over in my mind for the  
reason.

If Northfield is not  
going in a way that appeals to  
your help, do you not love it too  
well to pass by on the other side?  
It did not need you when  
Mr. Moody was there at all in

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comparison with the mud now.  
 If you knew how we long and  
 pray & struggle to keep it pure.  
 m-simultaneous, single-eyed for  
 God's glory, true to all its original  
 purpose - Perhaps you do know  
 and I am mis-judging - If I  
 only knew what comes of lifting  
 you person in making your app-  
 pointments, & why you had  
 left us out; I should feel better.  
 And will you not please, for the  
 sake of the cause, tell me if it  
 is because of anything that you  
 disapprove, that your interest in  
 us - Northfield - has flagged a  
 little. This is the kind of  
 a letter which if read through



several times, and then submitted  
to our husband. Would never be  
inflicted. But this once it  
must risk it; for the risk is  
not much as your kindness and  
forbearance are proverbial.  
I trust your frankness will equal the  
other virtues.

As ever sincerely yours

May H. Moody.

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Sunday Evening

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My dear Sister:

Mother has gone to join Father, having left us at 5 o'clock last evening. The services will be here Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. and she will rest beside Father on Round Top.

In the absence of our pastor, my sister and brother unite with me in an earnest desire to have you conduct the funeral service. It will be simple, like herself, but on account of many friends who will want to attend, it will be in the church.

So come to us if you can do so.

Affectionately  
Will R. Moody

Herewith stated  
a list of names for

Love

Peace

Yours truly

Sincerely

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MR. SPEER.

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1903.

My dear Speer:

Ever since your trip up here and your ever to be remembered ministry to us in our recent bereavement I have been intending to write to thank you again for all the help you rendered. It was appreciated by us all and we shall ever be deeply grateful to you.

Since Mother left we have not mourned, for we have always sought to forget our selfish grief in the consciousness of "their" joy. But still it's hard if ever you stop to think for life takes on a different hue when seen for the first time from an orphan's standpoint. I used to think

a grown man wouldn't miss a mother like  
a younger person. But it isn't so. A mother  
has a place all her own and I don't care  
how old a man is he never outgrows a  
certain dependence on a mother's love.

Again thanking you with all my heart

Believe me

Ever affectionately yours

Will R. Moody



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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS., July 11, 1906.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

I am deeply distressed to hear that little Eleanor is causing you anxiety. I have been through so many experiences of a similar character that I know only too well how the illness of a little one tears at the very heart-strings.

We should keenly miss you on Sunday, but I beg of you not to let the Northfield appointment give you the slightest cause of uneasiness and if little Eleanor is not a great deal better by Saturday noon do not think of coming to Northfield but cancel the engagement, and in the meantime do not let your promise to us add to the burden on your heart. We shall be with you in deepest sympathy in the anxiety and I trust that we may hear very soon that both Elliott and Eleanor are well and that you have been relieved of further anxiety in their behalf.

I note what you say about entertainment and will comply with your suggestion after consulting with my sister.

With our united love, believe me

Affectionately yours,

Will R. Moody

Moody, Will R.

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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS.

MR. SPEER.

Feb. 7, 1907.

My dear Rob:

How old are you? Have you not yet reached forty years of age? Two or three years ago when I urged your coming to us, you told me that you would not consider yourself capable of addressing the August Conference until you had reached the advanced age of forty; that no one under forty should address himself to the aged saints who gathered here in August, and I said that as soon as you were forty I would hold you up to this promise.

I have been inclined to send out a detective to look at the county

records in Pennsylvania, and find out exactly when you were born, but thought possibly it might be kinder to give you the chance to make a full and frank confession of your age, before resorting to any such method.

The real object of my writing is to ask if you cannot give us Sunday and Monday, Aug. 11th and 12th. The reason for specifying these special days is that for several years we have set aside the second Monday of the conference for the interests of missions. Heretofore, we have relied upon the missionaries that chanced to be in attendance, to make addresses, and it has been an occasion of considerable interest. I feel, however, that it is wise to break away from the custom of the past few years, in order to avoid getting into ruts, and this year John Mott has promised

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to come down for the Monday evening service, and I thought if you could give us Sunday and Monday morning, it would be a great blessing, and awaken a great enthusiasm among our Christian workers in attendance, in missions.

I know exactly what you will say as to the necessity of your having an uninterrupted holiday, but I wonder if you could not add a day or two to your vacation in the first of September, and give us these two days, which would bring to a large multitude a rich blessing. You might take for your text for one of these services; "Let no man despise thy youth."



Ever yours affectionately,

*Will R. Maady*

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East Northfield, Massachusetts

Feb . 21, 1907.

Robt. E. Speer, Esq.,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Rob:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 18th. I can readily imagine that on your return from Mexico you have found a large correspondence, and that it has kept you pretty busy dictating.

I note what you say about your lessening confidence in your ability as a teacher, but that you have certain convictions which are growing deeper and deeper. Now, I am not so interested in your teaching things that you are not certain about, as I am in hearing about those convictions. In fact, I know that your friends in Northfield are more interested in your convictions than in anything else that you could give, or for that matter, anything that anyone else could give. So simply come to us on the date I mentioned, and give us some of those convictions which have been striking their roots deep into your consciousness, relative to missionary effort.

Thank you for your answer to the Sunday paper. Very frankly, I am surprised that you have not stronger convictions on this point. You will be interested to see yourself arrayed

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with those who protest against the Sunday paper, and with those who believe it is an evil to be compromised with.

Thank you also for the quotation from the letter from Mr. Bandy of India. I am sending it to the friend who made the contribution for the work.

We have been enjoying a typical New England winter, and with plenty of snow and sharp, crisp air, we have managed to survive the rigors of the past two weeks and enjoyed in the meantime good sleighing.

Remember me most kindly to Emma and the little ones, and believe me

Ever yours heartily,

*W. R. Moody*

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My dear Rob:

I know you will pardon a dictated note. My correspondence suffers generally these Conference seasons, and personal notes are difficult to work in in the accumulated correspondence and other demands upon my time.

I want to again tell you how much we appreciated your coming to us. It was characteristically kind of you to come at so much personal inconvenience, and I want you to know that your very presence in our midst is always a benediction, even before you have uttered a word, and I do not think I have ever heard an address at Northfield that has more gripped me than the one you gave here Sunday morning.

There is already a demand for this to be published in pamphlet form, and I hope you will see your way to publishing it. Don't let Revell Co. put too high a price on it. It ought to be sent far and near.

*There is no place where you are more appreciated than in old Northfield and never more so than on this visit when you were a greater blessing than ever. We thank God specially for Sunday morning.*

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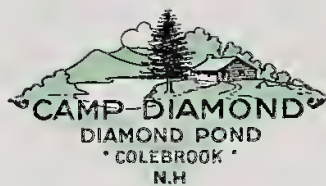
Mr. Speer.



now I've got to do what I hate. I find I am wrong  
and I must admit it. It was Janvier who strongly  
commended Freeman for this work and not yourself.  
I'm sorry it wasn't you for I hate to ever admit  
I'm wrong. Once I have to do as before when I was  
very young.

Ever yours affectionately  
Will

Moody, Will R.



Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909

My dear Rob:

How many happy returns it is kind  
to wish you is a question. ~~To~~ live too long  
would be a calamity; to outlive ones loved  
ones and contemporaries would be indeed a  
hardship. Now I am in great perplexity  
as to how best to express my good  
will on the great anniversary in your  
personal history and I wish just as  
many happy returns as is conducive  
to your greatest happiness and usefulness.

Ma says on hearing this "Tell him he could  
live forever and still there would be some  
one to love him." So my anxiety is some-  
what relieved.

I am just here after the August Conference  
Stone and I camped down at your old resort  
known as "the farm", alias "Owens," but  
fishing was very poor. We missed you  
and only needed your presence to make  
the trip complete

With hearty congratulations

Believe me, dear Bob

Ever yours heartily

Will R Maas

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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS. April 3, 1910.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Rob:

Your good letter of the 30th I found awaiting me today, and it certainly is a study. So glad to see that you made a copy of it. I suppose your biographer, or compiler of Deeply Thoughtful Letters of the late Robert E. Speer, will get great satisfaction in bringing out your letter of March 30th, 1910 to W.R. Moody, in which you charge me with an "insulting tone", and intimate that I am in correspondence with his Satanic Majesty himself. Then the world will see the other side of that greatly over-estimated Secretary of Foreign Missions, whom I feel it my duty at times to expose to himself.

But it is worth having a fight with you to get an invitation to come out to Englewood for a night, and I will be there the first opportunity, just to try and demonstrate to your family that you really are a Jekyll and Hyde.

I will try and get the books to which you refer, namely, DeGroot's, published by Macmillan Company, and Ross's book by Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier.

Thank you also for what you say regarding the medical course offered by Dr. Kellogg of Battle Creek. I will take that up

Moody, W.R.

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at once and see what can be done.

Believe me, my dear Rob,

Ever yours affectionately,

*W.R. Moody*

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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS. April 20, 1910.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.



Dear Rob:

Your good letter of the 16th has just reached me, and I note that you are going to take up with Campbell White the matter of Johnston Ross speaking at the Laymen's Missionary Conference. I hope it will go through, for Ross is a man who will appeal strongly to the more thoughtful men.

May and I enjoyed ourselves immensely out at Bulkley's the other night, and the pleasure was enhanced not a little by the presence of Emma and yourself. I wish we could see more of you. The associations of the past make some friendships peculiarly sacred. What a time it will be in the Millennium, when we can just give ourselves to cultivating friendships, and one won't have to beg for money or arrange for conferences, and on the other hand, one won't have to be forever immersed in foreign missionary problems!

I am learning more and more the value of friendships. What wealth is there to be compared with this? It always seems to me that a man is a pitiable fool who gives his time to acquiring wealth, and acquires no friendships with it. How many poor millionaires there are, after all, and how many rich beggars like myself, with such friends as those who were gathered at Englewood,

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Mr. R.E.S. -2-

and the many others who are loyally standing by me in the work here at Northfield, and according to me the rich privilege of carrying on a work intrusted to me by a past generation. I tell you, Rob, it means more to me every year, and there is no friendship that is more prized than yours.

Ever yours affectionately,

*Will R. Moody*

Moody, Will R.

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August 31, 1910.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

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Mr. Speer.

Dear Rob:

It is cheering to get your letter of the 26th and learn that you are back in this country again. I want to welcome you home. Thank you for your acceptance of the Vice-Presidency of Mount Hermon. We appreciate all that it means to have you on the Board, and even more, to have you as the Vice-President of our Board.

I have so much to ask you about I wish that I could have a long talk with you. I am perplexed in regard to the Student Conference here at Northfield. This is, of course, between ourselves. I cannot but feel that during recent years Mott is relinquishing his hold on it and delegating it more and more to men of very limited caliber, with the result that there is an absence of the old force, and certainly a very noticeable absence of the conservative theological emphasis which has characterized it from the first. I am longing to see you, for I need your help and counsel.

We were awfully sorry to hear about the children having measles. You know a year ago it went through our whole family,



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and this spring whooping cough was the vogue, and I know what it means. It was especially trying when you had looked forward to that summer in Scotland.

In reply to your inquiry regarding Dr. Pierson's golden wedding I would say that we have decided to keep the books open until the first of October, and we are receiving small contributions from time to time. The amount which we receive will aggregate about \$1,500 I think.

With love to Emma and the little ones, in which May and my kids join,

Very affectionately yours,

*Will R. Moody*

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November 23, 1910.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Rob:

I appreciate your kind letter of the 17th. I have been away from home for several days and have just returned to find it awaiting me.

It is perhaps a little mean for me to take up the question of my problems with you, when you have enough of your own, but I have really felt very keenly the situation at Northfield the last few years, and increasingly so as Mott himself is delegating the work to individuals in whose judgment and leadership I do not have confidence. This, of course, is between ourselves. I fully note and concur with you in taking every precaution to see that the letter falls into Mott's own hands. Of course I had intended marking the letter "confidential", and I think the suggestion that I send it to Montclair is a good one.

On one point perhaps I have not made myself clear, and may be open to criticism when I speak, for instance, of the platform being dominated by men of liberal views. I should have said that there was an increasingly large proportion of liberal men on the platform, and pressure is brought

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R.E.S. -2-

to bear each year to increase the number. It has seemed to me that the proportion of broad men was increasing steadily, and that men of conservative and very definite views were not so acceptable.

I think I know your position regarding the "family principle of comprehension". That is true to a certain point, but where I am perplexed is with men who are intellectually dishonest. Who, for instance, say they believe that Christ was divine, but when approached by more liberal men, qualify the word "divine", stating that all men are divine; when asked if they accept the Deity of Christ, have recourse to subterfuge, saying that that is simply a metaphysical question and they refuse to be drawn into that. What I feel is that these men can have their say and do all they like on these lines where their message is appreciated. Let them go to Harvard Summer School or elsewhere, but why should they be asked to Northfield, where all the traditions have been for simple evangelical faith, and where men have given their time, their money, and their all, to build up a place that shall stand for these doctrines?

Thank you for what you say regarding the RECORD.



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R.E.S. -3-

It is an encouragement to have your endorsement of Ernest Gordon. I am hoping to see him in the near future, and I am making a memorandum of the papers you refer to.

I am delighted to know that we may hope to have you with us on July 8th and 9th, and by the time August comes I am hoping that you will be old enough to speak for us on the 14th.

Believe me, my dear Rob,

Ever yours affectionately,

*D. L. Moody*  
for.

MR. MOODY WAS OBLIGED TO LEAVE  
BEFORE SIGNING THE ABOVE LETTER,  
DICTATED BY HIM. STENO.



Moore, Frank W.  
Columbiana University -  
October 30th 1906.

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My dear Mr. Spoor.

It is my hope to go to the foreign work next year and I want your advice. Belonging to the Presbyterian Church it is only natural that I should offer myself to my own church Board to ask them to send me where they most needed me and wished to send me; but Jack Gardner has told me of the work in the college at Beirut Syria, feeling practically sure that there would be a place for me in that work if I cared to go. If I want it would not be with the idea of staying three years and then either returning home or entering some other work, but rather with the idea of entering that work among the Mohammedans for good, either there in the college or going into field work. To be frank, I am not looking for an easy work or an easy berth - I might better stay at home, - and am willing to take a try at anything, but John assures me that I will find all I am looking for right there in Beirut. What I want your advice on is just this, shall I apply to the Presbyterian Board to be sent where they would choose to send me, or would you counsel my accepting the offering in the college at Beirut with the view of staying in the work in Syria?

My desire is to be perfectly open to God's will and guidance. I have felt strongly that I did not want to choose too much myself and so shut myself off from His guidance. Your advice and help at this time would be greatly appreciated because of my confidence in your knowledge of the different fields as well as in your judgment of my capabilities.

Please do not think that I ask for anything except your friendly advice; this is not to find out the possible opportunities in other fields. At times the sense of my ineptness and inability makes me wonder at my own daring to go to any foreign work. And if I had to go in my own strength I would stay at home - maybe; but I believe there is a work for me somewhere in the foreign field and I want to find where. I believe that you can help me greatly in this.

To thank you for all you have done for me during my life would be useless, and your advice at this time will only increase the deep debt of gratitude I already owe you - With very kindest regards to Mrs. Spoor -

Yours very sincerely -

Frank W. Moore.

Moore, John Warner

71 Connecticut Hall,

New Haven, Connecticut,

February 21, 1908.

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FEB 24 1908

Mr. Robert C. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

Mr. Speer.

My dear Mr. Speer:

You were well known to me, before I saw you Freshman year. Your name has been frequently mentioned at our house before and after my grandfather's death, John R. Warner, D. D., of St. Louis. It is

needless to say, great happiness was mine to be able to meet you, ex officio, at Secretary Stokes' house.

You doubtless have had little to do, except in a business way, with the St. Louis Presbytery, so I venture to say you do not remember, John R. Hermer, until his death in 1894, Dr. Nichols and he, never willingly let a Monday

pass without seeing each other at the house of one of the two.

I am writing to you because I do not wish you to forget me. You know Victor Hugo says, "Prisons make the criminals that fill them." It is a possibility also, "good men, make men." Much I could say on another side, as to why I wish you to remember me. I have a peculiar



affection for you, as I said,  
at home before I saw you,  
your reputation was made.  
When I saw you, I thought,  
"The half, was not told me!"  
yet, at this time, I hesitate  
to say much about this  
reason for seeking your  
friendship. On the  
other hand, that you  
should be inclined to  
indulge a lad eager  
for your lasting friendship,  
because he does hope  
to enter "the harvest field,"



and because he finds  
strength in you, I have  
much reason to hope.

When I'm in New York,  
or when chance casts  
us into the same  
locality, may I call  
upon you?

In my personal prayers  
I pray for such benefits  
of character building,  
that men might not say,  
"He seeks to rob God;"

and, as a final petition,  
I pray for a greatness  
of soul, "greater than  
I can either ask or  
think". I lately came  
to wondering how  
God could answer  
such a request as  
the final one. Surely,  
now, it seems to me  
to be in granting  
me the love and  
fellowship of great men.  
I try to answer my

prayers. Do not think,  
however, that to every  
man of mark I see  
a league off, I rush  
and say: "Be my friend!"  
An inner-self is responsive  
only occasionally, yet its  
bidding must be attempted.  
Socrates attempted to describe  
the vibrations of that mysterious  
chord or "sense". I can't even  
quote him successfully.  
I need you. Will you  
be a friend to me?  
Respectfully yours,  
John Warner Moore.

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MAR 18 1908

Mr. Speer.

Moore, John Warner

Zab College, March 16, 1908.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Surely He to whom the life of a sparrow was of value, put it into your heart to be so good to me. You had reason to expect a reply from me by return mail after writing the beautiful letter of March tenth. I am glad, however, I did <sup>not</sup> send off any of the many replies I



framed between that and  
this time. This letter,  
itself rewritten thrice  
and copied once, will  
be an inadequate expression  
of my love toward you.  
Would that I might  
"talk" less and "say"  
more. I begin to  
understand that French  
expression: "Language  
was made to conceal  
thought."

"Friendship the Master

Passion" I resolved to  
read when you first  
referred to it during  
an evening meeting at  
"Dwight Hall." The  
"Life of Henry Clay Trumbull"  
I shall, also, eagerly read.

Both his book,  
"A Lie Never Justifiable"  
and yours, "Marks of  
a Man" aided me  
greatly in my paper  
on "The Lie," for Mr. Boyce.  
Much you said was



was just what I  
thought, only, better  
expressed.

If you could know  
how priceless to me  
are your words;  
"Indeed, I will be  
your friend," you  
would understand  
many things time  
alone can unfold to you.

"Northfield" until now,  
had not entered into

my plans. For one  
reason, because there  
is a chance I may  
go to England with  
the Yale-Harvard  
track team next summer.  
Again, if I fail to  
"make" the team, I  
shall have to work,  
- I need the money -  
and, I have found  
in past years, summer  
positions must be filled

before July first. I  
realize the value  
of Northfield experience.  
If, previously, I had  
been indifferent  
to it; to be so now,  
would be impossible.

I have more to say  
than two ready  
scribes could take  
down in three days'  
time. Everything

demands for expression  
at once. Two emotions  
seize me simultaneously.  
Nothing will set itself  
down in any rhyme  
or reason. I look  
forward to a good  
talk with you. May  
I be worthy, before  
my course is run,  
of many, good talks  
with you! Truly do  
I realize man is

to be judged by  
his deeds. I realize  
~~to~~ anything done,  
worthily, is labored.  
I labor that before  
you I may appear  
worthily — not forgetting  
it is ever in the  
presence of our  
Savior, Christ, I must  
walk to be of your  
company.

Faithfully yours,  
John Warner Moore.



Moore, John Warner

Yale College.  
April 10, 1908.

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APR 11 1908

Mr. Speer.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:

You are a friend of mine. I  
hope to be a friend of yours.  
Your letters to me are full of  
charm. They make it seem  
almost as if it were not,  
as it is, that is, that I am  
trying to bind you, to me  
with hoops of steel.

Since your letter of March  
twenty-seventh, I have followed  
out as nearly as time allowed  
the course of reading you  
suggested. In all abandonment  
I say: "Surely a double

portion of the spirit of Elijah  
doth rest on Elisah." What  
a soldier of the Cross, Dr. Trumbull  
was!

Your addresses are like, you  
say, that is the most concise comment  
I can make, as to how  
much they mean to me.  
Do you remember, Mr. Stokes'   
remark in connection with  
your "Hoolsey Hall" sermon?  
Looking at his wife, Mr. Stokes  
laughed: "Mr. Speer, must  
have been reading a good  
deal of military history, lately!"  
I inwardly thought so, too,  
in spite of a something inside  
that said, "It takes more than  
reading, to give such a ring  
to the warrior words he used."



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I love a good fighter, particularly  
a knightly fighter. Perhaps,  
no, I'm sure, that, is why  
I leave so to you. It was  
mere etiquette for you to seat  
Mrs. Stokes that day at dinner;  
but the grace with which  
you did it made it impossible  
to believe you ever could do  
otherwise, or be less than  
that act proclaimed you  
to be. That act, I say, coupled  
with the good blows you  
had given for Him who  
loves us all, was worth  
"half a year at Yale," to me.  
Can a Yale man say more?  
I watched your face and

again your shoulders and I saw  
in them the soldier. I didn't  
know then, under what general  
you had learned to fight.

Now I fear perhaps you  
will think me lacking in  
sensitivity to talk to you  
so unrestrainedly; but, let  
me defend myself. Generals  
that wear blue uniforms  
have no time to waste or give  
to such details as I am as  
yet. That the general of  
the Board of Foreign Missions,  
should take time to love  
me a little bit, overcomes  
me. Words fail me; but, I  
will say something. You  
shall know, or, at least be  
able to guess a little of



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how I feel toward you.  
You "venture to enclose two  
little pamphlets." Oh by say  
"venture" to me, Sir? Rather  
say, "you will permit me  
to see two of your pamphlets."  
I have said the least I could  
say. I had to say that, or  
nothing. My heart would not  
stand, saying nothing.

I expect to pass <sup>part of</sup> this vacation  
interviewing two headmasters:  
- one, S. Archibald Smith, of  
"The Pingry School," Elizabeth,  
N. J.; one, C. F. Brudie, of  
the Mt. Pleasant Academy at  
Ossining, N. Y. Part is to  
be passed with my favorite  
Professor, the head of our

Rhetoric Department, Charles  
Bears Baldwin. He is a  
charming man. Some day  
if you don't already know  
him, you must meet ~~and~~ <sup>either</sup>.

I expect to teach two years  
to get money and maturity.  
I wish to have the experience  
of teaching, just for itself, for  
one thing, also.

I look forward to a talk  
with you April 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.  
I do not yet know <sup>at</sup> which  
time I shall be in New York,  
with a few "hours" I was about  
to say; I do say, <sup>th</sup> with a chance  
to wait upon you.

Faithfully yours,

John Dana Moore.



Morris, D.S.

American Presbyterian Mission,  
Hwai Yuen,  
via Nanking, China.

Dec. 13th 1906.

Robert E. Speer Esq.

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MR. SPEER.

My Dear Speer:-

Thank you very much for your splendid letter of Sept. 29th. Your letters are always helpful to me and this one was especially so.

I am not going to write at length this morning but simply enclose a letter I have written to the Central Church, as it gives a little of the recent news of the station.

We are somewhat troubled to know how much we should go in for the famine relief work. While our district is in the famine region yet we are not in the center of it and many of the people threatened with starvation have fled to the South. The places where these refugees have congregated will perhaps have more need for the relief work than we have. Yet the conditions, especially to the North of us, are bad and there will be much suffering.

The famine relief committee, which has its headquarters at Chinkiang is pushing the work of raising funds. Dr. Cochran is a member of this committee and he has been asked to write an appeal from this part of the field. The Christian people in Shanghai and other ports are doing what they can to raise money and "The Christian Herald" and one or two other papers at home I believe are starting subscriptions for the fund.

The work of the station has much to encourage us just now. This Sunday we are to dedicate the church at the Keng village. We shall take some of the school boys along to help in the singing. It will be a great day for the people there. Excuse this sudden

Yours truly, D. A. S. Morris

P.S. I am much interested in the brother you mentioned as going to the station. The balance is so close to the way down on our side in the other.

December 15th 1906.

Dear Friends:-

It seems a long time since I last wrote to you and much has happened since then. The return of the station to Hwai Yuen, at the close of the Summer, was made in detachments and under difficulties and with a fresh realization that the plans of men "gang aft a-gley", especially in China. It is hard to live on schedule time when there are building plans to be discussed and settled, contractors to be looked up, lumber and building materials to be ordered, fuel and stores for the Winter to be purchased, unexpected attacks of dengue fever and malaria to be doctored, children to be looked after, boats to be hired, floods and head winds to be encountered, and overland trips, with mules, chair-bearers, amahs, servants etc. to be pushed through (without losing one's temper) and other things. In spite of these hindrances we finally found ourselves all together on our old camping ground and ready and eager to take up the work again after our vacations.

This Winter in Hwai Yuen will be especially pleasant for us because of the visit of Mrs. Cochran and her daughter. They are helping us in many ways, enduring the callers, Chinese feasts etc. without a murmur and being "rays of sunshine" as newcomers on the field, without the language, are instructed to be. We hope the Central Church will continue this policy of sending out delegations to spend the Winter with us.

The flood during the Summer, which made the harvests so poor and consequently the price of food high, is still the chief subject talked about among the Chinese. On the overland trip back to Hwai Yuen I met hundreds of famine refugees on the road. Many of them were hardly able to walk because of a malignant form of fever. Weakened from lack of food they fell an easy prey to it. Some were lying by the side of the road, apparently too weak to go further. It was pitiful to see so much physical suffering and distress. I saw entire families, sometimes including the grandparents, travelling together. A cooking kettle, a few bowls and chopsticks and perhaps a small bag of rice and a little fuel was, in most cases, all they had left of their earthly possessions and these they pushed before them on a wheelbarrow or carried on poles on their shoulders. Perhaps among all these poor people none were to be more pitied than the little children. I heard of one instance of a mother travelling with her little baby. The mother was stricken with the fever and one day died by the side of the road with her little child clasped in her arms. Then came the sad and awful fact that the little living child was left in its dead mother's arms. With Hunger driving on from behind who, on that road, could stop to care for another life, even though it was that of a helpless baby?

Some of the country near Hwai Yuen to the South and Southwest has not suffered from the floods but in the Northern district, in some places, the harvests have been totally destroyed.

Mr. Drummond of the Nanking station, who came up a few weeks ago to make a short visit, made a trip with me to this Northern field. We were away only six days and so could not get beyond Nan



~~Hsu Chee~~ and Ling Pi Hsien but both of these places, especially the latter, showed the effects of the famine. Many of the villages ~~thru~~ through which we passed had lost a third or in some cases one half of their population. Most of these people had gone to the cities South of the Yangtze to beg or live on the free "official rice". There has been such a mass of these ~~poor~~ people pouring into the Southern cities that the officials <sup>have</sup> taken steps to prevent any more from crossing the Yangtze. This will in some measure increase the difficulty of the situation. What is to become of this army of suffering, help~~less~~ people? A relief committee has been formed among missionaries and Christian people in Shanghai and a fund, to be used in distributing relief, either in money or food, is to be raised. If any friends at home care to have a share in this good work cheques may be sent to T.F. Mac Cree, Treasurer, Chinkiang. The flooded district covers an area of ~~40,000~~ 40,000 square miles and the committee estimate that 15,000,000 population will be affected by scarcity of food supplies.

You will be glad to hear that fourteen persons were baptized and received to the Communion two weeks ago on Sunday. It was at the close of our Inquirers' class. The class was not as large as we expected, many being kept at home on account of the hard times, but I am sure the men were all benefited by the eight days study together. We were especially encouraged in having two young men of the teacher class in Hwai Yuen attend regularly and on the Saturday, preceding the Communion, publicly take the inquirers pledge. There were others from the country who became inquirers at that time.

Among those baptized was Chang Kun Yu and also his wife and son. You may remember him as the man who was so promising but who suddenly disappeared. Not even his relatives knew where he had gone. Dr. Cochran met him in Chin Chiang Pu in the Spring and found that he had been very faithful in studying and attending the services at the ~~China~~ Inland Mission. He came back to Hwai Yuen in the late Summer, preferring to live here rather than at his old farm near Meng Cheng. His two boys are in the school. We feel that he is the most promising Christian we have. He seems to have been led by the Spirit to understand the deeper meaning of Christianity.

Among those baptized was Mrs. Liu, the wife of the Christian pharmacist. Many have been praying for her, for she was quite opposed to Christianity at first. I have written to her husband in the Nanking Seminary telling him of the happy event.

Another thing which has given us cause for thanksgiving is the decision of our helpers Messrs. Sun, Ch'eng, Chu and Hsu to return to us after the new year. At one time we feared they would not come back but we have united earnestly in our prayers that they may feel the call to the work in Hwai Yuen and they finally decided that this was the will of God for them. They are splendid men, well trained and with an earnest spirit. They are going home to spend the new year holiday, as we had promised them this vacation.

Mr. Sun and Mr. Ch'eng have already left. Last Friday we escorted ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> to their boat on the Hwai river. The school boys also went down and gave them a good send off. Their friends in the city gave them a number of farewell feasts. We were invited to some of them and our

digestions for a few days had a strenuous time of it. We went to five feasts in one week besides the postponed Thanksgiving dinner, which we had on Mrs. Cochran's birthday.

I was interested in going to a small public school a few days ago. It is a school my language teacher, Mr. Song has been much interested in and he gives an hour or two daily in teaching there without charge. The school while small is well managed. It has an open court in front and a small drill ground behind. The school room is clean with neatly made benches and tables and with maps on the wall. All this is in great contrast to the old order of things. The boys study Arithmetic, Geography and Elementary Science besides the Chinese books. They were put through a drill for my benefit and did very well. They wear a simple black uniform, made somewhat in foreign style and have visored caps but still retain their queues. After the drill they marched around the parade ground, singing patriotic songs, translated from the Japanese but with Chinese tunes. One of the songs they sang, translated freely, was something as follows.

The glory of the earth  
Is that men should fight and distinguish themselves.  
The happiness of the earth is that men should be brave  
And destroy their enemies' country.  
From ancient times  
Nations rise and fall.  
Look at the strong  
Eating the flesh of the weak.  
Our China has a history  
Of thousands of years.  
But this ancient country today  
Is suffering the deception of men.  
Thinking of this our hearts  
Are greatly enraged.  
If the country is not to fall  
We must stand strongly together.  
A country's greatest disgrace  
Is to be dependent on others.  
The greatest shame is to have a slave's heart

The greatest thing to be honored is to love one's country.  
What will China be when these new schools have spread throughout the eighteen provinces and a new generation of well informed, physically strong and patriotic men are turned out in great numbers? China certainly seems to be at the turning point in her long history. Before I close let me tell you how old Tao, the chapel keeper in Fengyang has been quickened in his Christian life. I have noticed a marked change in him the last year. He is failing in health somewhat and with it he is in his spirit becoming docile and like a little child. It is touching to see this tall, fearless and at one time overbearing old farmer, experiencing the transforming power of the Gospel of God's love. He came to me not long ago and said very earnestly, "Tell me what my faults are. I want to be better. You're my pastor and I'll do just as you say."

It was after the inquirers class. We had given them a Chinese



meal in our front guest hall and most of the men had started for their homes in the country. I went over to see about getting the rooms they had been using in order. While I was inside I heard voices in the courtyard. I looked out the door and there kneeling on the ground in the middle of the court, oblivious of everything around him, was old Tao and kneeling by his side was a poor old man. I recognized him as a street vender of peanuts. He hardly made enough to live <sup>on</sup> in this way and we had allowed him to sleep on the place as he had no other home. Old Tao had gotten him down on his knees to pray and he was also praying for him. With all the strength of his rugged heart and with tears he prayed for this old man, who had wandered so far into the darkness, that he might come back. "I don't know, Lord, whether he can come back or not but Thou knowest and if Thou canst bring him back do it and make him know Thee, the Heavenly Father." So old Tao prayed and I don't know that I ever heard a more earnest prayer. But he was not going to let his Christian love stop with simply praying for this man. Winter had begun and the poor man had no coverlet to sleep under and his coat was thin and in tatters, so old Tao at once busied himself in raising a little money among his friends to buy something to keep him warm. He came to me and when I gave a little to help, before I could turn around he was down on his knees in the middle of my study thanking the Heavenly Father and praying again for the man he was trying to help. Afterwards he said to me "I'm an ignorant old man and have never been to school. I don't know anything about the great and deep teachings of Christianity but I can tell of Christ, the Saviour. I know that doctrine." And as old Tao went out of the room that day I thought of the time when <sup>Jesus</sup> called a little child and set him in the midst of them and said "Except ye turn and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

I would ask your prayers for the Christians in Hwai Yuen, that they may daily, by their lives, bear witness to their Lord and Master and especially for those recently baptized men and women, that they may be true to their vows and that they may grow in the knowledge of their Saviour.

Faithfully Your Friend,

*De Bois S. Morris*

Morris, M. Elizabeth

Lock Box 95,

Morris, New Jersey,

April 1, 1902

Mr Robert E. Speer.

No 133 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

Dear Mr Speer: -

I want to thank you for  
your letter <sup>replying</sup> to the questions  
of the young bride, which I  
asked you for him. They were  
in substance what I had  
told him, but corroborated  
by an "authority," and now  
while he is only a young  
Christian (about four months  
in the faith) he has such  
a full and blessed  
experience of the love and  
power of Jesus, that he  
has surrendered all he



has of time, money, and  
self to the service of the  
master as far as is prac-  
ticable. (He is a man  
laboring in our camp)  
By this I mean he gives  
proportionately, has given  
up entirely the convivial  
glases in which he indul-  
ged when in New York.  
And as Dr Babcock of  
sainted memory said - he  
wanted to be "antiseptically  
clean" - and also gave up  
tobacco, (both chewing &  
smoking) Now in the face  
of all this he asks how  
any one can be a true  
Christian - and not grow  
and how such a one, can

be saved, if he does not  
follow the commands of  
our Saviour - and whose  
simple desire is to be  
saved - without using  
their time, influence or  
money or example to  
help others - I will enclose  
his question as he gave it  
to me - You will catch  
his meaning, even though  
he imperfectly used our  
English at times. But he  
is totally deaf - so is  
cut off from many branches  
of study - but loves to read  
our books - and I think  
quite intelligently too,  
considering the short time of

two years he had to conquer our language before a severe illness which occasioned this affliction - depriving him of the sound of a human voice -

An answer to his request will be "a cup of cold water" to a true but young disciple - and will you kindly return the question with your reply -

It is too bad to trouble you when you are so busy but perhaps the time will not be lost in so doing - Thanking you for the same in advance  
I am sincerely yours  
(Miss) M. Elizabeth Morris.

to tip the Scale - now I can  
 our heavenly Father say well come  
 to one of this - for my own part I  
 don't believe and never can do it -  
 that those people are such Christians  
 as "God" bid us to be - I think you  
 will have more mercy with a  
 sinner, who lives a openly sinful  
 life - but comes to the mercy seat  
 once in a while, and ask our  
 dear Lord and Saviour to be forgiven.  
 Why I have been doing that myself  
 100 and 100 times. and I am sure  
 of that "God" heard me at last -  
 I admit I was a hard case -  
 but, what to say of those  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  who is living <sup>and doing</sup> and respecting to  
 go to heaven - on their own merit.  
 because they have been leading a  
 moral and good life. if they did not  
 trust themselves to merit, the world

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most Certainly find out very soon  
that the only way is through Jesus  
our Saviour - and after seeing what  
he did for us on the Cross at

Calvary - They the must Certainly  
would not love him little and afraid  
half etc. but the real love would  
come to them, and they would give  
themselves whole hearted -



I don't know how I really shall put  
my question so as any one may un-  
derstand. one -

I have that we all must surrender  
all worldly goods, before we can feel  
safe - with this I mean that it  
would be impossible to have a Saving  
believe in Jesus - and put worldly  
things in the first place -

I think we must leave ourselves  
Whole hearted to our Saviour -  
why it is the only thing we can do -

and please do you believe that any  
one who has learned to love Jesus -  
can love him just a little only? or as  
I hear - "the do not love Jesus much"  
do not want to surrender this worlds  
goods and happiness - don't feel <sup>needed</sup> to Commune  
with our dear Saviour very often -  
and wanted not to be lead by him  
in anything in fact, they seems to be  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  half the worldly half seems

June, 1895

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The students of the colleges of the Western  
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the frank heart, to the students of other lands  
this greeting in Christ "who came not to  
condemn but to save the world" and  
would express through him to them their  
earnest desire to be linked with the  
students of other lands in a <sup>united</sup> ~~united~~ definite  
and believing effort on the part of Christian  
students throughout the world to hasten the  
coming of Jesus Christ - His Kingdom  
(inspired by Robert E. Speer)

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Brunswick, Me. 7, 1890

Dear Mott,

My Maine visitation has not been  
very rich in numerical returns - four  
volunteers at Bates and two here. There is  
vacation at Calley and I could not get  
any one to give me information there, and  
as there were only half a dozen men in  
the college I went to Bates the next morn-  
ing. Have leave for Brunswick in the  
morning. This field needs much personal  
missionary work & prayer.

"Since I wrote to you last the conviction  
against my taking up the work next year  
has grown and my choice of location on the

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man for the work has been confirmed. I  
desire to cease from the work at the end  
of the year because <sup>(1)</sup> that was my original  
intention which I have declared in many  
places publicly. A continuance in the work  
would be by many misunderstood; - for which  
I do not care much - but the work would  
be somewhat injured by such misunderstanding.  
(2) My personal inclinations are not such as  
to lead me to continue in the work.  
It would take much of this grace to enable  
me to do the work two years. It is a striv-  
ing which does not allow of the greatest  
growth. (3) I want to get thro' my Seminary  
course and at work. As it is now I  
shaved to 25, & I went straight thro' the  
Seminary from this place, where I should be



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Graduated. I want to preach the gospel of  
Christ love and death and sacrifice, rather  
than of this lost command alone. <sup>(4)</sup> I  
believe that the movement needs a new man  
at least for the present, possibly every year  
in this position. It needs to be kept free from  
the appearance of professionalism. This need  
should be supplied if possible. <sup>(5)</sup> Callum  
seems to me a suitable man - from what  
little I saw and from what man I heard.  
The best man I have met yet. He is ma-  
tured and able and I believe possessing  
the spiritual qualifications, which are certainly

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receive extra development in the work.

<sup>16)</sup> He was not to be available any other year than this and I have found no one else who could take the work year after next. Therefore if I took it next year so far as I can see; the reasons which might be pressed to lead me to do so, would hold for a third year. <sup>17)</sup> I think I can accomplish as much for the Movement as a temporary man without official connection with it as I could if travelling secretary, in covering and helping to strengthen, while I have confidence in Colburn's ability to do the fixed work.

I need not give further reasons, nor need I pause to speak of any objections which might be made to what I have

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said. I write freely now because Cassien  
had better be secured at once if he is  
to be the man to help up the work. I  
can not say that he is the ideal man,  
but I can say that we shall never find  
the ideal man: and must take the best the  
Lord has prepared. It will be best for us,  
I think, to settle this important question  
as soon as possible for the movement's  
sake, for Cassien's and for mine. May  
the guide be and may this will be known  
and done by us!

I observe that Brown is not down

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on the revised program nor the way of  
the Vermont college. I trust your judgment  
in these things.

Yours in His Name,  
Robert E. O'Leary.

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On train, Apr 10 1890.

Dear Mott,

I return letters from Bethany.

Might not this plan be substituted  
for the S. B. T. Lem. at Homerside?

It is late in the year to do any  
thing in the Lem. This plan seems  
ready to be processed for it.

Moreover that large group from  
U. C. & Homerside would be avoided.

I could visit Bethany on my way  
north. Do what you think best &  
let me know from you.

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Arbor House at Beebeche night &  
be visited.

Vanderbilt is raising the money for  
a mission. \$200 or \$300 pledged be-  
fore our last meeting. They were  
~~meeting~~ there when I left to catch  
a train.

I am hoping that we may be placed  
together by this kindness next year that we  
sit in this feet and be taught of his  
deeper things.

Am thinking over plans for Hartford  
and the Minn. Bible School.

On way now to G. Conn.

Yours to manifest them,

Robert E. Speer.

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Huntingdon Pa., May 31, 1890.

My dear friend Mott,

Our God has something in store  
for you and me. Of that I am con-  
vinced more and more. I don't know  
what; may be our paths will be as  
wide apart as the east is from  
the west: but He wishes us for some-  
thing. He still places Him to keep me  
quiet and ignorant at His feet: He  
does not yet reveal Himself to me  
in these things but He will surely.

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expect to confer with him at the Kansas  
and Minnesota Bible Schools and lean  
on him heavily at Hartford.

My recommendations of Cassum as  
Chairman of the Hartford Missions Com. I  
would urge again. I don't remember  
McKay distinctly. Cassum, I think, is the  
man. I know now no one else. I shall  
consider the matter some more. He will  
talk some about these things.

May God bless you greatly at  
Worcester at Commencement time.

Many things wait our next meeting  
face to face with one another and with  
him. Your fellow laborer on this bosom,  
Robert E. Speer.



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YOUNG :: MEN'S :: CHRISTIAN :: ASSOCIATION.

JAMES SUYDAM, PRESIDENT.

T. C. HORTON, GENERAL SECRETARY.

St. Paul, Minn., June 23, 1890

Dear Matt,

The Lord has been very good the past few weeks. At the Kansas Bible School, there were 250 delegates and over 120 volunteered. Here at the Wayne Bible School there were about 15 delegates and as but one or two volunteered. Nowhere have I seen more clearly than here the difference between the blessing sent upon the associations when they honor and withhold when they disobey our Lord's command. The Bible School here was planned to deliberately shut out the free devotion of the missionary society - and the result is poverty. The Kansas meeting was a marvel of blessing.

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I leave on Wednesday for Hartford - taking the Michigan Central  
probably from Chicago and the Filchburg from New York.

I hope you had great blessing from them this month.  
Touching the future the light breaks a little but not much for me.

I shall write to you again at Hartford.

The home goes looking glowing hard.

Robert E. Speer

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Huntingdon, Pa., July 21, 1890.

Dear Matt,

You ask what colleges visited the past year should be visited by Cassius: - Macalester, Hamline, Univ. of Wisconsin, Beloit, Univ. of Kansas, Peru, Ind., Normal School, Wisconsin State Normal, Eveleth, Naperville, Ann Arbor, Delano, Oberlin, Union, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Brown, Wellesley, Syracuse, Cornell, Hamilton, Rochester; Princeton, - the South thoroughly - Bryn Mawr, Albion. My judgment of this has been hasty. I might name more or fewer on more mature consideration. I have selected those on different grounds. The extra strong places should be visited in order to keep them loyal to the Movement. The places where enthusiasm early kindled but yet who should be visited, that the Movement may be cleared of the reproach of those things. Other principles are axiomatic. I agree with you that the Luminaries should be thoroughly visited and founded. If the support of the Movement is now conservation - that effort should apply to institutions, as well as to universities. And accordingly it is of importance to maintain the position the Movement has reached in the colleges already visited and to push it forward there. I think it will be possible for you to combine this policy with a judicious and yet rapid extension. I am ignorant of the Canadian institutions save what I have learned at the Summer School of French letters, but they should not be passed over this coming year, as they were last.



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Now more specifically about Cassin. <sup>(1)</sup> The Baptists are  
 narrow. They are broadening out at present as in many  
 places uncharitably illiberal. I need not give illustrations.  
 nor need I qualify the statement as I should do  
 if I were speaking carefully. Cassin is a Baptist. The  
 Baptists need to be touched on the work, for they are spiritual  
 and earnest and pious. Let him touch them. <sup>(2)</sup> I be-  
 lieve in the policy of attaching conventions — if the man  
 is the proper man. If you think Cassin the man for the  
 State Conventions, I would send him to do so. <sup>(3)</sup> If not,  
 a good man as the representative of the movement  
 can do much to spiritualize the conventions, spread mission  
 interest, open doors for the movement & make it known  
 respected & prayed for. <sup>(4)</sup> I do not think Cassin can  
 accomplish as much in New England & the Middle States as he  
 can in the west. This has of course occurred to you & you  
 talked with various leaders of men at Hartford. <sup>(5)</sup> I  
 would be glad for him to gather more facts and to talk with  
 you and Childs about the "diving line" — I mean precisely the  
 expression. The temperance movement has succeeded in winning  
 valuations by a pretty clear line of appeal — a line that drives  
 straight at decision and decision at once and yet does  
 not ignore the spirit's diversified operations. <sup>(6)</sup> A graduate of  
 Wesleyan told me that Cassin appeared to him & each may  
 retain. I think not so strong. This is given as a hint for  
 prayer that the who will draw all men may give Cassin  
 the drawing power of his spirit for the coming months.



I think the St. Paul Assocn. might support Cassman. I suggested it to them while I was there and it was considered favorably, although they made no definite decision. Boston would receive very kindly from you a letter on the subject. The Spirit is very direct. They promised me to pray for Cassman and I know they had not, when I was there, undertaken any line of missionary work for the ensuing year which would prevent their repeating the gifts & rapid increase of the past year.

My expenses for the year were about \$925. - this is not exactly accurate. I spent about \$45 or so more than was given to me. The St. Paul Association however will fix this I think. They have already given me \$675, however lent me \$50 last September; two ladies at Hartford last year gave me \$50. The Kansas Presby. Synod gave me \$40 to pay expenses there. I have thought the forth matter over carefully and it does not seem to me contrary to this in this that Cassman should be sent out on his work and from time to time supplied with the necessary funds - even on Paul on his journeys had his expenses ministered out one and again by the churches. He left behind. I suppose you will need to pay Cassman enough for his wife's support as well. I don't know what that will be. With help from friends there is no reason, I think, why his traveling expenses should run over \$1000.

I wrote to you about announcing the Conference at Geneva & Chautauque Avenue. I wanted it to be open and fair. and I knew that you would do what you believed

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to be right I hope you can announce it. Bring it before the Committee and have it fully explained. I agree with you in keeping the Movement free from every action except those ones - that one which shall be purely pleasing to God - or free from every action whatsoever if that shall please Him - but in guarding it, let it be guarded on every side. The Board will may be frustrated by Church Boards no less than by independent organizations.

Among the invited speakers at Indianapolis are Gordon (who can not be there) Hudson Taylor, (most will come in his place), Guinness, Malin, Bishop Taylor, James Johnston of Jamaica, Blackstone, (Wilder) &c.

I am not worried about the Association entanglement in Kansas.

Enclosed is a prayer circular to be sent out weekly prior to the time of the Conference. Will you not pray with the others? I shall be glad to send circulars to you.

I have not been able to write very much, but I should be glad to see your face again. If you come this way, I expect to be here for some time, arrange to stop off and deepen that budding love of yours for Pennsylvania.

With much love in Him, and constant prayers,

Yours sincere friend,

Robert C. Speer.

Kindly send me at your earliest convenience or may/have you have directed you for the advisory committee.

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Dear Matt,

Huntingdon, Pa.  
Aug. 2, 1890.

I pray often for you.

The "Band" manuscript has been lying on the table before me for some time. I have made most of the changes you suggested in it; some were evidently slips. I expect to go to the Nebraska Prob School at Omaha from Aug. 16-20, and shall probably go from there to Lake Geneva to attend the Students' Conference there, and from there to go to Indianapolis. Unless you wish the "Band" form-  
phlet at once, I shall bring it with me then. I do not think I care to rewrite it in the style you suggest, for first it is already cast much in that style - and secondly there is too much human assertion in that style. The difference between this & that is in speech, largely. Perhaps I misunderstood you letter though. Did you mean to have it all rewritten or simply to cut out all the objectionable sentences and words?

May our Master guide you aright in this way, and make this way  
- both known sweet to you. In this name, Robt. E. Speer  
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address "Conway Hall"  
Barlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr Speer,

Primarily I want to just thank  
you for your words of tonight in the  
Auditorium on the battle of life. It will  
mean and has meant much to me. I am  
"up against it" and always have been "up  
against it" on the purity question; but I am  
confident of full victory now "under the  
Captain", as you say, "of fighting men".  
I am in for a triumph; but it's all vigilance  
and hard blows for me.

Will you please send me a copy  
of that poem "play up, play up, play  
the game"? at your convenience, and  
you will be doing me a favour.

Yours prayerfully for Christ

A.J.W. Mowatt

Robert Speer Esq.



Murphy, Gardner

88 Main St

Concord, Mass.

July 16, 1914.

My dear Mr. Speer,

What I want to say  
has been on my heart for a  
long time, but I have postponed  
writing because I wanted to have  
time to do justice to my letter.

I cannot put in too  
strong language the gratitude  
I bear you for the inspiration  
and power and message of  
hopefulness which you have  
given me again and again  
ever since I first heard you  
speak at Hetchkins in the fall  
of 1911. You have so thrilled  
me that I have always  
eagerly and expectantly looked

forward to your visits to  
Hatchkiss, and, for the last two  
years, to Yale. And when you  
spoke at Northfield, you were  
the greatest inspiration to me of  
that wonderfully inspiring place.

The talk you gave Sunday  
morning thrilled and re-thrilled  
me; I almost cried. you stirred  
in me the deepest devotion  
I ever felt. Jesus seemed  
present there and His old mes-  
sage rang new. When I read  
Winston Churchill's insipid  
attempt to make Christ's message  
real, I was disappointed; when  
you spoke, I was shaken with  
passionate appreciation of the vital  
force of that living Christ who  
speaks in you. I thank God

for what you said, for what you  
have been to me and done for me.

Yours very sincerely  
Gardner Murphy.